

15 May 2023

Dear

ATISN – 17399 – Alternative Food Sources

Thank you for providing us with further clarity to your question, which I received on the 18.04.2023. You asked for a response to the following:

Could you please provide data on the financial spend of alternative food sources, such as insects.

Upon further clarity:

a. I mean how much does the Welsh Government spend b. just insects.

We have interpreted your request to be asking for the amount of money we have spent on the investigation and development of insects as an alternative food source. The Welsh Government have provided financial support of £440,081.96 since 2017 on this.

Of which The Bug Farm have received the following amounts:

- £49,998.40 – Feasibility – Awarded in July 2017, from the Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI)
- £349,960 – Demonstrator Phase – Awarded in January 2018 (2 year project Healthy Insect-based food for children), from the Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI)

*SBRI is operated by UK Government, which comprises a contribution from IUK c 30%

If you have any queries about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future correspondence.

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

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Yours sincerely,