

3 July 2023

Dear

### **Request for information - ATISN 17376**

Thank you for your refined request for information which I received on 24 April. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

#### **Your request**

You asked for the following information with regards to Temporary Traffic Lights:

- 1) Could you please tell me how much the Welsh Government has spent on all kinds of temporary traffic lights since 1 January 2017?
- 2) Could this information please be broken down year-by-year up to the present day, 5 April 2023?
- 3) Could you please tell me how long the longest-standing set of lights has been in place and the cost of those?

#### **Our Response**

As your request currently stands, I believe it will be very time consuming to carry out searches for how much the Welsh Government has spent on all kinds of temporary traffic lights over a five-year period. This means the time it will take to locate, retrieve and extract the information requested will be substantial. If I estimate it will take more than 24 working hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it, the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 allow me to refuse to deal with it. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600, representative of the estimated cost if taking over 24 working hours of time.

In order for me to search for the information you are seeking for questions one and two, it would be helpful if you could provide a more specific request for information, for example by narrowing its scope, such as reducing the timeframe. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

I can provide you with the information we hold for question three. Please see below:

The longest temporary traffic lights are situated on the A55 Primrose Hill bridge (A55, St George (J24a)).

The cost of the lights at this location is as follows:

Installation (2019): £7,257.72

Rental and maintenance:

2020/21      £18,842.86

2021/22      £19,460.00

2022/23      £15,708.57

Total to date: £61,269.15

### **Next steps**

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response.

Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,  
Welsh Government,  
Cathays Park,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 3NQ

or Email: [Freedomofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedomofinformation@gov.wales)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,

Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely