

24th July 2023

Dear ,

ATISN 18694 – HEFCW Funding

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 6th July 2023. You asked for:

How much has been set aside/spent (in the last 5 years) of the bursary awarded to those studying through the medium of Welsh in higher education, and whether it comes from the education pot.

Our response

The Welsh Government's budget for the Education and Welsh Language Budget Expenditure Line (BEL) includes the following amounts of funding for HEFCW Programme Expenditure:

2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
£158,082,000	£244,193,000	£263,111,000	£209,970,000	£205,230,000

Source: [Welsh Government budgets | GOV.WALES](#)

Funding has been administered by HEFCW to Welsh Higher Education institutions to provide bursaries for Welsh-domiciled **postgraduate** taught Master's students studying through the Medium of Welsh as part of a pilot scheme established in 2019/20. Funding allocations can be found in the following circulars:

[2019/20](#)

[2020/21](#)

[2021/22](#)

[2022/23](#)

[2023/24](#)

Bursary funding for **undergraduate** students is provided by institutions directly, including as part of fee and access plan commitments, and by the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol. We do not hold detailed information on this.

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: Freedom.ofinformation@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