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Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 18756

I wrote to you on 24 July regarding your request for information.

Your Request

You asked for:

1. Telephone and email contact of WGC Holdco Limited who are the company running at arms length the Cardiff airport operation.
2. What company is offering the shares to buy shares in Cardiff International Airport ltd.
3. Why does this company not have any contact details in the public domain or even at the Welsh office customer help desk?

Our response

The Welsh Government, on behalf of the Welsh Ministers, operates Cardiff International Airport Ltd as an arms-length private limited company, with distinct separation achieved through WGC HoldCo Limited (HoldCo). HoldCo was incorporated as a private company limited by shares on 21 March 2013.

HoldCo acquired Cardiff Airport on 27 March 2013. The objective of the acquisition was to secure the airport's future, enable the commercial management team to reinvigorate activity levels, and ensure its continued contribution as an asset to the economy and people of Wales. HoldCo owns 100 per cent of the ordinary share capital of Cardiff Airport. As such, whilst the airport is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Welsh Government, it operates in an independent and commercial manner, makes investment decisions on a commercial basis, and is liable for its own actions and any issues arising from the running of its business.



The public details on Companies House for HoldCo and Cardiff Airport can be found below.

Cardiff Airport:

[CARDIFF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED overview - Find and update company information - GOV.UK \(company-information.service.gov.uk\)](#)

WGC HoldCo Ltd:

[WGC HOLDCO LIMITED overview - Find and update company information - GOV.UK \(company-information.service.gov.uk\)](#)

There are no employees of Holdco, and as such there are no contact details to provide. The Welsh Government Aviation Policy Team provides the secretariat support for HoldCo Directors.

No shares are being offered for sale in either HoldCo or Cardiff Airport.

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

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