

26th September 2023

Dear

ATISN 18924 – Ogmore Castle

Thank you for your request which I received on 6 September 2023. I have set out below the questions you submitted and my response to each:-

1. For each year, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 (broken down by year) - the amount paid to the Duchy of Lancaster for lease of Ogmore castle.

No payment has been made (please see question 3)

2. For each year 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 (broken down by year) - the amount spent on upkeep and maintenance of Ogmore castle, please break these costs down where possible.

Capital works (ie maintenance of the monument fabric / bridges etc)

<i>2018-2019</i>	<i>2019-2020</i>	<i>2020-2021</i>	<i>2021-2022</i>	<i>2022-2023</i>
<i>£2,316.00</i>	<i>£171.60</i>	<i>£1,154.06</i>	<i>£0</i>	<i>£20,996.78</i>

In addition, circa £6,300 per annum is spent on grounds maintenance (grass cutting / litter picking / small remedial works etc) through Cadw's Facilities Management Contract

3. Please confirm when the lease of the castle started and how long it runs for.

There is no lease. The property was placed into Guardianship on the 1st August 1928. This passes management and maintenance responsibilities onto Welsh Ministers (c/o Cadw) but allows public access to the monument. No annual fee is payable and the agreement is in perpetuity.

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Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

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Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.org.uk

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

Yours sincerely