

20 November 2023

Dear

ATISN 19222 - Cost of Elsevier report on SDG research performance

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 27 October 2023. You asked:

1. How much it cost Welsh Government to commission this report: UN SDG goals: Wales' research performance with UK and Global Comparators (2010– 2019)?
2. Was a cost benefit analysis done prior to paying for it?

Our response

1. The exploratory analysis on which the report “UN SDG goals: Wales’ research performance with UK and Global Comparators (2010–2019)” was based was commissioned as an adjunct to an existing piece of work that was procured through open competition. This additional analysis cost £8,000. Following receipt of that analysis, a further commission was undertaken to produce the report at a cost of £4,100.
2. A cost-benefit analysis was not undertaken.

Next steps

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Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ
or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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Information Commissioner’s Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

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Yours sincerely,