

9 January 2024

Dear

ATISN 19296

Thank you for your request which I received on 14 November 2023.

In our acknowledgement letter, we sought your clarification as to whether all questions were to be considered by the Welsh Government or Senedd Cymru (given your use of the term 'Welsh Assembly').

The questions at Annex 1 (along with my response to each) reflect where you confirmed a change to reference 'Welsh Government.'

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 e-mail: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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

Annex 1

Additional question received in clarification letter dated 20 November 2023.

Please explain in what way the Welsh Assembly differs from the Welsh Government, what their individual roles are and which of these two form part of the Treasury.

The Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales produced accessible material explaining the difference between the Senedd and the Welsh Government (more information can be found here <https://www.useyourvoice.wales/what-does-the-senedd-do>)

I can also confirm that the Welsh Treasury is a Directorate of the Welsh Government.

1. Does the Welsh Assembly (*amended to Welsh Government*) receive any funding, whether it be through Grants, Money, Capital, Income, Donations, Assets, Reserves, Cash, Finance etc. from:

- **The United Nations;**
- **The World Health Organisations;**
- **The World Economic Forum or;**
- **Any other NGO (Non-Governmental Organisation) or any organisation for any of the following:**
 - a) **RSE (Religious and Sex Education to all Primary and Secondary Schools through Wales;**
 - b) **New 20 m.p.h. speed limits along lengths of roads to be implemented within Wales (if any counties are exempt, please specify);**
 - c) **The spraying of chemicals over Wales (if any counties are exempt, please specify);**
 - d) **The implementation of 5G towers across Wales (if any counties are exempt, please specify);**
 - e) **The implementation of new LED street lighting across areas within Wales (if any countries are exempt, please specify).**

Please specify what type of funding is received and which of the above organisations that funding was/is received from or if funding is received from any other sources other than the ones mentioned above, either directly or indirectly, please specify.

With regard to The United Nations, The World Health Organisation and the World Economic Forum, no.

With regard to NGO's, we have been unable to determine if any information is held on funding given the definition NGO is too broad a term (and is not included as a description on our finance system). If you are able to provide further clarification on which NGO's you are seeking information upon, a further search for information can be carried out.

2. Do any of the five points above fall within the 2021/2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development or the United National’s UN Sustainable Development Goals?

No. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals, were adopted by all United Nations Members states in 2015. More information on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals can be found here <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

3. Did the Welsh Assembly (amended to Welsh Government) receive any funding directly or indirectly from either the United Nations, the World Health Organisation, the World Economic Forum or any other NGO (Non-Government Organisation), or other organisation to assist businesses and members of the public during the lockdowns that took place during the pandemic? If so, form which organisation was the funding received?

With regard to the United Nations, the World Health Organisation and the World Economic Forum, no.

During the course of the pandemic, EU funds were applied through the Welsh Government to supporting business through pre-existing operations and organisations. This consisted primarily of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) support through Business Wales services and access to finance for SMEs provided through the Development Bank for Wales.

With regard to NGO’s, please see the position as set out in question 1.

4. Please provide figures for the total number of deaths in the country of Wales during 2020, 2021, 2022 and up to the current time in 2023.

2020	2021	2022	2023 up until end October (provisional)
37,399	36,135	35,694	30,113

Data for 2020 to 2022:

[Deaths registered summary statistics, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)

Data for 2023 by month:

[Deaths registered monthly in England and Wales - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)

5. Has the United Kingdom signed up to the UN Agenda 2021/2023 and become a UN member nation state? If so, when did this occur and please specify whether Wales has also signed up to the UN Agenda 2021/2023 and when this occurred?

Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was agreed by 193 member states of the United Nations (UN) in September 2015 and apply to every country.

Whilst the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is a Member State of the United Nations, Wales in its own right is not. A full list of member states can be

found here [Member States | United Nations](#) In addition, further information on the UK and Sustainable Development Goals can be found here [UK and the Sustainable Development Goals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 the Welsh Ministers are required to take into account any action by the United Nations in relation to the UN Sustainable Development Goals when preparing a [future trends report](#). In 2019, the Welsh Government published a supplementary report to the UK's Voluntary National Review of the Sustainable Development Goals. This can be found here <https://www.gov.wales/wales-and-the-sustainable-development-goals>

6. Is Wales (Welsh Assembly (*amended to include Welsh Government*)), as part of the United Kingdom, being governed and being given instructions or guidelines (please specify which); either directly or indirectly by:

- **The United Nations;**
- **G7;**
- **G20;**
- **WEF (World Economic Forum);**
- **WHO (World Health Organisation); or**
- **Other organisation.**

If so, from which organisation and from what date?

No. The Welsh Government is not governed or instructed by any of these organisations. In some cases, these organisations publish guidelines as part of their remit, and the Welsh Government may take note of relevant guidelines in the formulation of policy. However, as all such guidelines are published by them and in the public domain, the guidelines themselves are exempt under FOIA S.21, information reasonably accessible by another means. In any case, the Welsh Government does not retain copies or hold such guidelines.

7. Is the Welsh Assembly (*amended to Welsh Government*) being funded to carry out the implementation of the 2021/2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development? If so, from where has this funding come from and since when was this funding first received? Also, please specify whether local councils and local authorities are given part of this funding in order to implement this agenda at a local level.

No.

8. Has the Welsh Assembly (*amended to Welsh Government*) received any funding to implement the United Nation's UN Sustainable Development goals / the 2021/2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development? If so, from where has this funding come from and since when was this funding first received? Also, please specify whether local councils and local authorities are given part of this funding in order to implement this agenda on a local level?

No.

9. Has the Welsh Assembly (*amended to Welsh Government*) had any funds or financial assistance from:

- **The United Nations;**
- **The World Health Organisation;**
- **The World Economic Forum;**
- **Any other NGO (Non-Governmental organisation); or**
- **Other organisation.**

to fund the rehousing and services for the immigrants brought into Wales?

If funding is / was received from any other source other than the ones mentioned above, either directly or indirectly, please specify.

The Welsh Government has received funding from the EU Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) in recent years, approved via the UK Government's UK Responsible Authority. This funding has supported the ReStart: Refugee Integration Project and the Migrant Integration Wales Project. Neither projects relating to accommodation of migrants in Wales. Details of both projects and other UK-based projects funded through AMIF can be found here: [AMIF project list august 2022 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

The Welsh Government also received the following funding from UK Government in respect of our Ukrainian guests at the 2022-23 Supplementary Estimates:

- £61,985k from DLUHC in respect of the Ukraine Refugees General Tariff; and
- £12,415k from DfE in respect of the Ukraine Refugees Education Tariff.

- 10. What is the Welsh Assembly's D-U-N-S number (Data Universal Numbering System)?**
- 11. What is the Welsh Government's D-U-N-S number (Data Universal Numbering System)?**
- 12. Please specify the D-U-N-S number for all the County Council / Local Authorities in Wales.**
- 13. Are there D-U-N-S numbers allocated to all the various courts in Wales?**
- 14. Are there D-U-N-S numbers allocated to all the various police forces in Wales? If so, please provide details.**
- 15. Are there D-U-N-S numbers allocated to all the various health boards across Wales? If so, please provide details.**
- 16. Is there a D-U-N-S number allocated to the DVLA? If so, please provide.**

For questions 10 – 16, DUNS is a proprietary identifier operated by a commercial company and not the Welsh Government. We do not hold the information requested, you may therefore wish to contact Dun & Bradstreet directly. To also assist, included here is a link to a tool which allows a search for D-U-N-S numbers [D-U-N-S Number Lookup \(dnb.co.uk\)](https://www.dnb.co.uk).

17. Does the Welsh Assembly (*amended to Welsh Government*) fund either directly or indirectly, the purchase of arms to assist in wars in other countries or overseas? If so, please specify whether part of these funds are sourced from location [*local*] authorities or county councils via the collection of revenue through their council tax.

No.

18. Does the Welsh Assembly (*amended to Welsh Government*) receive any money or funds from local councils/authorities in Wales, through their procurement of council tax revenue, which is then partly used to fund or purchase arms to other countries. If so, what percentage of the council tax is used to purchase these arms?

No. None of the revenue raised by local authorities through council tax is passed to the Welsh Government or the Senedd Cymru. Each local authority sets its own annual budget and council tax level according to its assessment of its need to spend on local services.

19. Is the council tax which is collected by each county council/local authority from their residents paid into the government's consolidated fund for redistribution. If so, what is the criteria for the amount being allocated to each county council / local authority?

No. None of the revenue raised through council tax is paid into the Welsh Consolidated Fund. All council tax revenue is retained by the relevant local authority for expenditure on local public services.

20. Please verify whether a municipal primer (local authority primer) was issued to all county councils, district councils, local councils, town councils and parish councils? If so, when did this occur?

The Welsh Government has not issued a municipal primer. The operation of local authorities in Wales, including the setting of budgets, is governed by a suite of primary and secondary legislation and by a range of statutory and non-statutory guidance. More information is available at: [Local government | Sub-topic | GOV.WALES](#)

21. Please verify whether this municipal primer (local authority primer) was a non-binding agreement.

Not applicable. See answer to Q20.