

Dear

22 January 2025

Request for Information – ATISN 23221

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request to the Welsh Government on the 31 December 2024.

Your request

You asked for information regarding the Welsh Government's relationship with Aerodyne and asked the following questions:

- 1) How much money did the Welsh Government spend on preparatory work or site alterations for Aerodyne's occupancy of the Bro Tathan business park?
- 2) What was the nature of the preparatory work / alterations paid for by the Welsh Government?
- 3) Did Aerodyne pay for any preparatory work / alterations to the site, and if so, what amount did it pay?
- 4) When did the lease begin and when did it end?
- 5) How much in rent did the Welsh Government receive from Aerodyne?
- 6) How much did the Welsh Government receive from Aerodyne in payment other than rent, and for any such payment please state the reason for the payment.
- 7) Is Aerodyne in debt to the Welsh Government, and if so, what is the amount owed, what was the debt in relation to, and when was it due to be paid?
- 8) Welsh Government civil servants spent time assisting with recruitment for Aerodyne, including helping facilitate the hiring of Aerodyne's former CEO Valerie Ellis, who was first contacted about the role by a civil servant. How many hours did Welsh Government civil servants spend assisting recruitment for Aerodyne?
- 9) What was the cost of those hours of work?
- 10) How many hours in total did Welsh Government civil servant spend on work on behalf of Aerodyne?
- 11) What was the nature and cost of those hours of work?

Our response

I can confirm that we hold some of the information you have requested. Using your numbering our response is next to your queries:

- 1) The Welsh Government did not spend any money on the property prior to Aerodyne's occupancy
- 2) Not applicable
- 3) Aerodyne did undertake some works to the premises – we do not hold information on the cost of those works.
- 4) The lease commenced on 1st September 2023 and ended on 16th December 2024.
- 5) The Welsh Government has not received any rent from Aerodyne
- 6) Other payments due under the lease were service charge and insurance premium.
- 7) Aerodyne has accrued arrears of £9,269.86 relating to payments due under the lease. A rent deposit of £8,750 is held and will cover the majority of these arrears.

- 8) No support was provided with recruitment from Welsh Government.
- 9) We do not hold this information
- 10) We do not hold this information
- 11) We do not hold this information

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.

Personal information

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and email address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer
Welsh Government

Cathays Park
CARDIFF
CF10 3NQ

Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at <https://gov.wales/about/open-government/freedom-of-information/responses/?lang=en>).

Yours sincerely