

17 February 2025

Dear,

ATISN 23275 - Details of any Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 - related Grant Awards made in 2023 to Cardiff and/or Swansea Universities

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 20 January 2025. You asked for this information for the year 2023 (01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023):

- 1) How much money did the Welsh Government grant in total to Cardiff University in 2023 for scientific research involving the use of animals under ASPA?
- 2) Please supply a breakdown of the funding provided eg Quality Related, funding via named Government funding bodies or specific initiatives/programmes.
- 3) How much money did the Welsh Government grant in total to Swansea University in 2023 for scientific research involving the use of animals under ASPA?
- 4) Please supply a breakdown of the funding provided e.g. Quality Related, funding via named Government funding bodies or specific initiatives/programmes.

Our response

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that no such information is held for Cardiff University because no such grants were awarded. However, I can confirm that a grant was awarded to Swansea University in the timeframe you specify for scientific research involving the use of animals under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986.

The grant amount of £39,828 was awarded through the Marine Protected Area Management Grant Scheme and covered research involving twait shad in the

Severn estuary. The grant enabled Swansea university to collect and tag a number of twait shad to understand more about their migratory patterns.

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:

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Welsh Government,

Cathays Park,

Cardiff,

CF10 3NQ

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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