

7 March 2025

Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 24471

Thank you for your request which I received on 03 March 2025. You asked for the following information:

1. Detail on how much budget/subsidy has been allocated/provided to Cardiff Airport for the years 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27.
2. When was the last time Welsh Government met with Cardiff Airport?
3. When will a decision be made on the Welsh Government's £205m proposed subsidy to Cardiff Airport, announced during summer 2024.

Our Response:

Question 1:

The total amount paid to Cardiff Airport in financial year 2024-25 was £1,000,000 (one million pounds) which was the final drawdowns of grant funding awarded in March 2021 for the Rescue and Restructuring plan. No further funds have been allocated to Cardiff Airport for this financial year.

There is currently no budget/subsidy allocation for Cardiff Airport for the financial years 2025-26 and 2026-27.

Question 2:

The last meeting between Welsh Government and Cardiff Airport was 10.30 on Friday 7 March 2025.

Question 3:

Your request falls outside the remit of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The FOIA is a right of access to information which already exists, that is already in recorded form. The information you have requested does not already exist in recorded form as no decision has been made and we do not know when that might be at this point in time. However, in the interests of transparency and openness, we are content to respond outside of the FOIA process to some of the points you have raised which we are able to address.

As you are aware, the Competition & Markets Authority's (CMA) assessment of the Welsh Government's proposed long-term investment in Cardiff Airport was published

on 2 October. The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy & Planning has issued a Written Statement in response. The Welsh Government is not going to comment on the detail of the CMA report at this stage. As per the Written Statement, it will now take the time needed to give full consideration to their assessment. The Welsh Government remains open to refining the proposed programme of investment on the basis of that assessment. The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning will update the Senedd in due course.

If you have any queries about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future correspondence.

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and 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.

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Yours sincerely