



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 24511
Date: 2 April 2025

Dear ,

ATISN 24511

Thank you for your request which I received on 10 March 2025. You asked for the following information:

a breakdown on how much was spent by the Welsh Government each financial year from 2013/14 to the most recently available financial year on potted plants and other decorative fauna.

Our response

We have interpreted your request as seeking information on potted plants and flora (as opposed to fauna).

I have reached the conclusion that it will cost more than the appropriate limit established in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to consider your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. When calculating whether or not your request exceeds appropriate limit, I am allowed to consider the time it is likely to take to establish if we hold the information, locate the information, retrieve the information and extract it. If these tasks are estimated to take more than 24 hours of working time, the limit will have been exceeded.

I can confirm that the level of detail sought would not be able to be extracted directly from our Welsh Government finance system unless there was just one unique supplier of floral supplies and that was all they supplied us with (which I can confirm there isn't).

On this basis, in order to locate, extract any information held would require a manual data manipulation exercise to be carried out across the entire Welsh Government estate as well as any individual events (where potted plants and flora may have been purchased) at the level of the individual procurements and purchase orders to establish what information is held. Even with this exercise the spend may not be separately analysed in the invoices (for example) requiring further analysis exercises. This exercise would have to be carried out within all Groups across Welsh Government.



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As an indication, using our budget coding for 'Exhibitions / Events 508040' which is one of a number of potential codes which could possibly include spend on potted plants and other decorative flora, there are 1,545 lines of transactions listed, to interrogate the invoice details and supporting documentation for each transaction – if that took between 5 and 10 minutes would take 129 -258 hours.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain (e.g. a specific area of Welsh Government or event) coupled with naming any particular suppliers on which you would like to receive information as well as a narrower time period. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request, please be as specific and focused as possible.

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

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

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.



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Yours sincerely