

12 August 2025

Dear

ATISN 24972

Thank you for your request which I received on 21 July. I have set out my response to each of the questions you submitted, as follows:

What the Welsh Government and the Senedd currently pay employees per mile driven, please?

The Welsh Government does not hold information in relation to the Senedd or its Members. You will need to request that information from the Senedd Commission, contact details are available at the following link: [Freedom of Information](#)

The Welsh Government pays 45p per mile for own vehicles, this reduces to 25p per mile once 1,000 miles is reached in a tax year. If a green car scheme vehicle is used the mileage rate is 8p per mile.

What the estimated financial cost to the Welsh Government and the Senedd is of your rental car expenses on journeys from Cardiff to Swansea, Cardiff to Aberystwyth, Cardiff to Caernarfon, all the journeys between, and all the return journeys for the 2016-2021 and 2021-2026 terms, please?

What the estimated financial cost to the Welsh Government and the Senedd is of your mileage expenses on journeys from Cardiff to Swansea, Cardiff to Aberystwyth, Cardiff to Caernarfon, all the journeys between, and all the return journeys for the 2016-2021 and 2021-2026 terms, please?

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. For identifying costs, two separate sets of nominal data would need to be reviewed:

- T&S system would be used for own use vehicles at the 45p rate. Green car scheme mileage is processed using claim forms outside of the T&S

system to capture the 8p mileage rate. The T&S nominal would need to be reviewed to identify any of these payments.

- The car hire nominal would need to be reviewed to identify rentals

Nominal information would identify a value linked to a transaction but nothing more in relation to your questions. It would therefore be necessary to contact all officials linked to each transaction and ask them to confirm if it related to one of the stipulated journeys in your questions.

In March 2025 against the T&S nominal and car hire nominal, there were a total of 5995 transactions recorded on our finance system. I estimate it would take a minimum of 2 minutes per transaction to carry out the exercise described above - the limit is therefore exceeded for this period alone ($2 \times 5995 / 60 = 199.8$ hrs).

Narrowing your request

If you are able narrow the parameters of your request that may help bring within the limit. However, please note that any refined request would still require an exercise to be carried out as described above which given the high number of transactions for just one nominal and 1 month could mean the appropriate limit would still be exceeded.

What the Welsh Government budgeted for the above Grey Fleet (rental and employee mileage) journeys in the 2016-2021 and 2021-2026 terms, please?

The Welsh Government does not hold a separate budget for mileage, the costs of Travel & Subsistence are met through broader delegated staff costs budgets.

What the Welsh Government budgeted for the above Grey Fleet (rental and employee mileage) journeys taken by Local Authorities in the 2016-2021 and 2021-2026 terms, please?

The Welsh Government does not hold information in relation to Local Authorities, you will need to contact them separately. 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

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