

14 August 2025

Dear

ATISN 24974

Thank you for your request which I received on 21 July. You asked for the following information:

1. Details of all grants, loans or contracts for goods and services provided or entered into by Welsh Government or any Welsh Government owned bodies in each of the past 5 years to all of the following individuals/organisations:
 - Hello Starling
 - Throstle Worde Media Ltd
 - Zero Racism Wales
 - Ecology Climate Action Workforce
 - ACT Training
 - Keep Wales Tidy
 - Amgueddfa Cymru
 - Llais
 - Wales Cooperative Centre
 - Will Hayward
2. In each case, please stipulate the full value, the nature of the grant, loan or contract and the reasons for which it was awarded.

Our response

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.

Welsh Government does not hold the details of all grants, loans or contracts for goods and services provided, or entered into by any Welsh Government owned bodies in each of the past 5 years to the individuals / organisations listed. To obtain such information you would need to enquire of the individual bodies.

Analysis of our finance system shows nil return for expenditure with the following organisations for the past 5 financial years 2020-21 to 2024-25 for either grants, loans or contracted goods and services:

- Hello Starling

- Throstle Word Media Ltd
- Zero Racism Wales
- Ecology Climate Action Workforce
- ACT Training
- Wales Cooperative Centre
- Will Hayward

This is based on searches for the individuals/organisations as specified in your request.

The following organisations are identified as having expenditure for either grants, loans or contracted goods and services for the financial years 2020-21 to 2024-25.

- Keep Wales Tidy
- Amgueddfa Cymru
- Llais

In order to provide the information, you request of 'In each case, please stipulate the full value, the nature of the grant, loan or contract and the reasons for which it was awarded' 326 transactions would need to be analysed which allowing 5 minutes for transaction to consider and identify the information requested would result in 27 hours to produce a response.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope and defining a time frame (describing in more detail the exact information you are seeking and avoiding broad terms such as "any") for example the in the case of the reference to 'full value' is that to total spend or of each individual grant award or contract. Please note that any narrowed scope may still require a similar exercise to be carried out to locate, extract and retrieve any information held.

Any refinement of your question will be treated as a new request.

You may wish to review a previous disclosure on Welsh Government funding to organisations which includes information on grant funding for Amgueddfa Cymru / National Museum Wales [FOI release 24523: Funding to Welsh Government Organisations | GOV.WALES](#), and that Welsh Government publishes information on all individual expenditure payments in excess of £25,000 [Welsh Government expenditure over £25,000 | GOV.WALES](#).

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

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