

Dear

ATISN 25183 – International Expenditure

Thank you for your request for information, which was received on 24 September. In your email you asked for the following:

- Q1. In 2023-24, the Welsh Government spent £7.7m on International Projects. In 2024-25, the budget for such projects was £8.093m. Please can you provide a detailed breakdown of the elements of the expenditure / budget relating to this area in the two years above.
- Q2. The Welsh Government spent £1.358m on International Sustainable Development projects in 2023-24 and had a budget of £1.050m for such projects in 2024-25. Please can you provide a detailed breakdown of the elements of the expenditure / budget relating to this area in the two years above.

My responses to your individual questions are below:

- A1. The breakdown for International Relations expenditure for 2023-24 was as follows:

International Engagement	£2,309,000
Overseas Operations: including office rent, FCDO ¹ platform charges, staff salaries and on-costs ²	£4,684,400
Overseas Network Activity: activities across the whole network of 21 overseas offices	£750,000
TOTAL	£7,743,400

The International Relations budget allocation for 2024-25 is as follows:

International Engagement	£2,658,600
Overseas Operations: including office rent, FCDO platform charges, staff salaries and on-costs	£4,684,400
Overseas Network Activity: activities across the whole network of 21 overseas offices	£750,000
TOTAL	£8,093,000

- A2. The International Sustainable Development expenditure for 2023-24 was as follows:

Size of Wales/Mbale Tree Planting	£550,000
Hub Cymru Africa	£359,000
Small Grants Scheme (WCVA) ³	£307,353

¹ Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

² Costs associated with the relocation of staff overseas, such as housing and healthcare

³ Wales Council for Voluntary Action

DEC Cymru ⁴	£22,000
International Learning Opportunities programme	£43,389
Comms, Marketing, Policy Development, Monitoring and Evaluation	£71,553
TOTAL	£1,353,295

Leaving an underspend of £4705.

The International Sustainable Development budget for 2024-25 is as follows:

Size of Wales/Mbale Tree Planting	£450,000
Hub Cymru Africa	£349,000
Small Grants Scheme (WCVA)	£210,000
DEC Cymru	£22,000
Comms, Marketing, Policy Development, Monitoring and Evaluation	£19,000
TOTAL	£1,050,000

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Yours sincerely

⁴ Disasters Emergency Committee