



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Ein cyf/Our ref: ATISN 25069

17 September 2025

Dear ,

Request for Information - ATISN 25069

Thank you for your request for information which I received on 18 August. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

Your request

You have asked for the following information regarding Welsh Government support for defence and aerospace industries:

A Welsh Government announcement dated 17 June 2025 states that Welsh Government ministers and / or delegations have recently attended the Paris Airshow and the DSEI conference in Japan, and that there are also plans for a delegation to attend the DSEI in London in September: <https://www.gov.wales/welsh-show-strength-paris-airshow>

1. How much did the Welsh Government spend on its attendance at: i) the Paris Airshow; ii) the DSEI conference in Japan?
2. Which companies or other delegates did the Welsh Government delegations meet with during these events?
3. How many DSEI conferences has the Welsh Government attended since 2020?
4. How much money has the Welsh Government contributed towards the defence and aerospace sectors since 2020?
5. Which companies in the defence and aerospace sectors have received direct financial support or incentives from the Welsh Government?

Our Response



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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I can confirm that the Welsh Government holds the information you have requested for questions one to three. Please see the information below:

For question one, costs incurred to date are:

Paris Airshow 2025	- £104,371
DSEI Japan 2025	- £19,397

For question two, meetings were scheduled with the following organisations and delegates:

BAE Systems
Irvin GQ
Airbus
Tekever
Safran
Triumph Group
Thales Group
GE Aerospace
UK Ambassador to France
GKN
ExCent
Invest NI
ATI

For question three, the Welsh Government has attended DSEI UK in 2025, 2023 and 2021 and DSEI Japan in 2025

For questions four and five, I believe it will be very time consuming to deal with as our recorded information is not set out in a way that identifies the aerospace and defence sectors; therefore, it is not possible to provide a monetary value for the amount of support provided to this sector, or the number of companies who have received support from this programme.

Following a search on our electronic filing system for information on all direct awards of funding from business and regions since 2020, it yielded 417 items. It has taken approximately 1.5 hours to check the first 150 rows of the excel spreadsheet to ascertain if the company in receipt of funding has any aerospace and defence activities in Wales, as the record of funding doesn't say which sector the project activity relates too.

To be sure we would then need to pull out the grant application paperwork from our electronic filing system for each of those companies that have activity in the aerospace and defence sectors before we could be sure that the project work was aerospace and defence related, some of the companies with an aerospace and defence interest will also operate in other areas such as automotive for example.

This means the time it will take to locate, retrieve and extract the information requested will be substantial. If I estimate it will take more than 24 working hours of

time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it, the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 allow me to refuse to deal with it. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600, representative of the estimated cost if taking over 24 working hours of time.

In order for me to search for the information you are seeking for questions four and five, it would be helpful if you could provide a more specific request for information, for example by narrowing its scope, such as reducing the timescale and being more specific about the type of support of interest. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request. Otherwise, I am unable to process this part of your request.

Next steps

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
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or Email: Freedomofinformation@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.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Personal Information

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

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

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Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at <https://gov.wales/about/open-government/freedom-of-information/responses/?lang=en>).

Yours sincerely