



23 September 2025

Dear ,

ATISN 25092 – International Expenditure

Thank you for your request for information, which I received on 27 August. In your email you asked for the following:

- Q1. What powers does the Welsh Government have to incur expenditure on services, projects or grants, the delivery, location or benefit of which are located outside Wales?
- Q2. How much money has the WG spent on any of the above in the past two financial years?

My responses to your individual questions are below:

- Q1. Under section 60(1) (a, b, c) of the Government of Wales Act 2006 (“GOWA”) the Welsh Ministers may do anything which they consider appropriate to achieve any one or more of the following objects: (1) the promotion or improvement of the economic well-being of Wales; (2) the promotion or improvement of the social well-being of Wales; and (3) the promotion or improvement of the environmental well-being of Wales. This includes power to do anything in relation to, or for the benefit of any area outside Wales, or all or any person’s resident or present anywhere outside Wales, if Welsh Ministers consider that it is likely to achieve one or more of those objects (s.60(3) GOWA).
- Q2. It is not possible to provide a figure showing what proportion of the Welsh Government’s International Relations and International Sustainable Development budget is spent domestically in Wales and what is spent overseas, as our recorded information is not set out in this way. However, I have provided the information below which shows the total spend for our International Relations and International Sustainable Development budget lines for the last two financial years.



| | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
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| International Relations | | |
| Budget | £8,272,000 | £8,093,000 |
| Spend | £7,708,743 | |
| International Sustainable Development | | |
| Budget | £1,359,000 | £1,050,000 |
| Spend | £1,358,112 | |

In the last two years, the Welsh Government also made two £100,000 donations (£200,000 in total) to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Middle East Appeal to support its work in Gaza. The £200,000 is in addition to the spend outlined above.

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:

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Cardiff
CF10 3NQ
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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