

14 January 2026

Dear

ATISN 26435

Thank you for your request which I received on 28 November 2025. You asked the following, in relation to details of instances in which Welsh Government (including any agencies, bodies, or units for which it is ultimately responsible for supplier payments) has failed to pay its suppliers on time:

The following information in respect of suppliers which were not paid in within 30 days for the period starting 1 April 2019 to the date of this request:

1. *Supplier Name*
2. *Invoice Date*
3. *Invoice Received Date*
4. *Invoice Due Date*
5. *Gross Invoice Value*
6. *Payment Date*
7. *Payment Terms*
8. *Late Payment Compensation or Interest Paid (if any)*

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 this part of your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. When calculating whether 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.

You have requested information over a 6-year period. Of which, details of Welsh Government payments to suppliers which were not made within 30 calendar days from 1 April 2019 to 28 November 2025, can be determined, based on points:

1. Supplier name
2. Invoice date
3. Invoice received date
6. Payment date

An initial search has identified 13,640 documents. This information is required to be reviewed internally to ensure we remain compliant with GDPR in respect of individuals' data and in respect of commercial interests. As such, I estimate this would take a minimum of 2 minutes per transaction ($2 \times 13,640 / 60$) = 455 hours.

The information under request 4. Invoice due date, and request 7. Payment terms; are not readily available and would require all 13,640 PDF invoices to be reviewed.

Similarly, request 8. Late Payment Compensation or Interest Paid, would require all PDF invoices to be checked for suppliers of those made on or after the 13,640 payment dates, to determine if they relate to the request.

I estimate for requests 4 and 7, it would take a minimum of 3 minutes per transaction to carry out the exercise described above - the limit is therefore again exceeded ($3 \times 13640 / 60$) = 682 hours. Request 8 would be far higher.

Because the appropriate limit established in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 has been exceeded, I have decided not to process your request.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including different dates or period of time relevant to the information required. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request, please be as specific and focused as possible.

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
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