

5 January 2026

Dear

ATISN 26458

Thank you for your request which I received on 5 December 2025. You asked for the following:

- *The total level of spending by the Welsh Government on external management consultancies in 2024/25.*
- *A list of the management consultancies who received Welsh Government funding in 2024/25 and the reason for receiving funding.*

Our response

Within the Welsh Government finance system, expenditure is allocated to coding reflecting the purpose of the expenditure. For 2024-25, expenditure on the Management Consultancy analysis code amounted to £2.6 million.

‘Funding’ in the Welsh Government context typically refers to the provision of grants to bodies. None of the expenditure included in the above is grant expenditure and therefore ‘funding’.

The expenditure reflects procured expenditure for services with 77 suppliers for 280 separate transactions.

Please could you clarify if you wish further analysis of the expenditure by Welsh Government in 2024-25 for procured management consultancy services. However, please note that the ‘reason’ for procured services is not part of the record within the financial system and will require further analysis to obtain.

I have initially estimated that any such analysis 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.

At an estimate of 5-10 minutes per transaction this would amount to 23-47 hours. Therefore, you may wish to refine your request to specific management consultancy providers. Please note, any refined questions will be treated as a new request for information.

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