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Dear

ATISN 26598 Aberaeron Sea defence

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 21 January. You asked for:

1. Total grant funding provided by Welsh Government for the sea defence project at Aberaeron in Ceredigion, and
2. Estimate of future grant funding to be provided to Ceredigion County Council to cover the cost of shingle build-up removal over the design life of the sea defence project.

Our response

Welsh Government provides 85% funding for all construction works delivered through the Coastal Risk Management Programme (CRMP). In regard to question 1, please see table below in regard to funding provided for Aberaeron coastal defence scheme:

	Aberaeron Business development case	Aberaeron Full Business Case & Detailed Design	Aberaeron Construction
Final Claim expenditure	£128,375	£1,749,797	£26,851,500*

*This is the total funding applied for by the local authority for the Aberaeron scheme. Under the grant terms and conditions of CRMP, local authorities are responsible for managing any increases in costs.

In regard to question 2, the future maintenance costs of any capital scheme funded through CRMP is the responsibility of the Local Authority. We do not hold any information in regard to future grant funding applications for the removal of shingle at the Aberaeron sea defence project.

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 Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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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.

Yours sincerely