

Dear

## Request for Information - ATISN 26623

Thank you for your request for information which I received on 28 January.

### Your request

You have asked for the following information regarding Welsh Government support to the defence sector in Wales.

- The breakdown of Welsh Government expenses at the following conferences attended by Welsh Government representatives:
  - Farnborough 2022 and 2024,
  - MRO Europe 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025,
  - MRO USA 2022, 2023 and 2024
- The companies and delegates which the Welsh Government delegations met with during each of these events
- A copy of the Welsh Government's review of its involvement with DSEI conferences (or, if a document is unavailable, a summary of its conclusions). The Welsh Government said it would conduct this review in September 2019: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-politics-49680566>

### Our Response

For question 1, the breakdown of Welsh Government expenses is in the table below

Event	Travel	Subsistence	Accommodation	Total
Farnborough 2022	£1,188.00	£ 1,458.79	£ 5,262.40	£ 7,909.19
Farnborough 2024	£1,388.13	£ 1,644.18	£ 4,019.94	£ 7,052.25
MRO Europe 2021	Event did not take place due to Covid restrictions			
MRO Europe 2022	£1,606.40	£ 214.55	£ 970.40	£ 2,791.35
MRO Europe 2023	£ 858.88	£ 474.82	£ 813.28	£ 2,146.98
MRO Europe 2024	£ 728.94	£ 558.11	£ 858.84	£ 2,145.89
MRO Europe 2025	£ 342.60	£ 208.30	£ 1,044.05	£ 1,594.95
MRO USA 2022	Welsh Government Staff did not attend, so no costs incurred			
MRO USA 2023	£2,730.00	£ 204.99	£ 7,067.82	£10,002.81
MRO USA 2024	£2,244.00	£ 554.61	£ 3,875.22	£ 6,673.83

For question 2, we have interpreted delegations as being the companies who exhibited on the Wales stand. These meetings are arranged and managed by the companies themselves. To provide this information we need to contact each delegate company and request this information. I believe that it will be very time consuming and will take more than 24 working hours to do this and 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.

For question 3, a copy of the Welsh Government's review of its involvement with DSEI conferences (or, if a document is unavailable, a summary of its conclusions).

The conclusion of our review was that the importance of the aerospace and defence sectors in Wales and previous economic outputs justified Welsh Government presence at DSEI 2025.

### **Next steps**

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Information Rights Unit  
Welsh Government  
Cathays Park  
Cardiff  
CF10 3NQ

or Email: [Freedomofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedomofinformation@gov.wales). Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

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Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9  
5AF.

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- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
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Yours sincerely