

04 March 2026

Dear

## **ATISN 26662 – Payments to voluntary organisations**

Thank you for your request for information, which I received on 05 February. In your email you asked for the following information:

*...please provide information regarding why payments under 'Current Grants to voluntary organisations' to the following organisations were made:*

- 1. Welsh Centre for international Aff, in relation to payment made on 6 October 2025*
- 2. Sub Sahara Advisory Panel, in relation to payment made on 24 October 2025*
- 3. Race Equality First, specifically in relation to payment made on 21 October 2025*

## **Response**

I understand that the information request covering the Race Equality First payment has been allocated to another team within Welsh Government and will be answered under ATISN 26663. Information on the other two payments is shown below.

### 1. Welsh Centre of International Affairs

The purpose of the funding is to support the Welsh Centre of International Affairs to host and operate Academi Heddwch Cymru (AHC).

AHC is Wales's national peace institute and the only national peace institute in the UK. It is an alliance of the 9 universities in Wales, the peace movement in Wales, and associated bodies. The establishment of Academi Heddwch fulfils a [Programme for Government commitment](#) and supports the aims of the International Strategy for Wales and the International Relations through Public Diplomacy and Soft Power Action Plan. More information on the work of Academi Heddwch can be found here: [Academi Heddwch - Welsh Centre for International Affairs](#)

### 2. Sub Sahara Advisory Panel

The purpose of the funding is to enable Hub Cymru Africa (HCA) to build effective links between Wales and developing countries in Sub-Saharan Africa by facilitating the transfer and exchange of knowledge and skills, training, tailored development support and the promotion of the success of individuals and groups involved in the Wales and Africa programme through conferences, networking events and workshops. The Sub Sahara Advisory Panel (SSAP) host HCA which also provides advice and guidance to charities looking to apply for sustainable development grant funding. The funding of SSAP supports the aims of the International Strategy for Wales and the Wales and Africa Action Plan. More information on the work of HCA can be found here: [Hub Cymru Africa](#).

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Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

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SK9 5AF  
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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely