

12 March 2026

Dear

ATISN 26702 - Coal Tip Safety Work Funding

Information Requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 11 February 2026. You asked for:

- 1. All communications, including texts, transcripts and meeting minutes, between Welsh Government officers and NRW and local authorities, related to how funding amounts for investing in coal tip safety were worked out and agreed since the Coal Tip Safety Taskforce was set up in 2020.*
- 2. A breakdown of how the pledged figure of £230m in coal tip safety funding from combined Welsh Government and UK government sources was arrived at (in PDF format text, tables and/or spreadsheets).*

Our Response

A copy of the information I have decided to release is enclosed.

1. Communications, between Welsh Government officers and NRW and local authorities, relating to coal tip safety funding since 2020.

As highlighted in my previous correspondence of 17 February this part of the request would involve identifying and locating a large volume of information from numerous sources across an extended period. As I did not receive a response following my suggestion to revise your request and seek more specific information, this part of your request is considered 'manifestly unreasonable' under Regulation 12(4)(b) of the Environmental Information Regulations, and I am unable to provide this information. However, should you wish to provide further clarification I would be happy to proceed with this as a new information request.

2. Breakdown of Pledged £230m – Coal Tip Safety Funding

The table below provides a breakdown of the funding made available for the Coal Tip Safety Programme between 2020/21 – 2024/25, and the funding allocations made for 2025/26 and 2028/29 period.

	Welsh Government	Mining Remediation	UK Government	Total
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	contribution to Coal Tip Safety grant	Authority Programme	Funding	
2020/21	£835,535	£958,242		£1,793,777
2021/22	£5,635,145	£958,242		£6,593,387
2022/23	£10,375,056	£686,345		£11,061,401
2023/24	£24,068,115	£624,263		£24,692,378
2024/25	£19,207,197	£903,264		£20,110,461
2025/26	£12,000,000	£933,000	£25,000,000	£37,933,000
2026/27	£10,300,000		£31,000,000	£41,300,000
2027/28			£39,500,000	£39,500,000
2028/29			£47,500,000	£47,500,000
Total	£82,421,048	£5,063,355	£143,000,000	£230,484,403

Next steps

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Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

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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