

23 March 2026

Dear

ATISN 26724

Thank you for your request which I received on 15 February. You asked for information as listed at Annex 1.

Our response

Please see attached below spend information for the requested years for each supplier listed in Annex 1. This includes both the total spend by financial year and the supplier's name/s as recorded in our finance system.

We are unable to identify other large multinational consultancies and system integrators providing digital, data, or technology services from our finance system. To provide this information we would require a list of supplier names.

I have decided that some of the information described in Annex 1 is exempt from disclosure under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act and is therefore withheld. The reason for applying this exemption is set out in full at Annex 2 to this letter.

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

Annex 1

Information on spend with large multinational consultancies and system integrators for services relating to digital, data and technology, including (but not limited to):

Deloitte
Ernst & Young (EY)
KPMG
PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)
Accenture
CGI
Capgemini
IBM
Capita

Time period

For the last three complete financial years, and year-to-date for the current financial year, please provide the following information.

Information requested

For each supplier listed above, please provide (where held):

- Total spend (£) per financial year
- The supplier name as recorded in the organisation's finance/procurement systems (including any relevant trading names used)
- A high-level description of services provided (for example: strategy/advisory; discovery/research; design; delivery/implementation; systems integration; managed services/operational support; assurance/audit/compliance)

Whether the spend primarily relates to:

- advice/assurance, or
- delivery/implementation/operational capacity

Annex 2

I have reached the conclusion that it 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.

You have requested information over a 3-and-a-half-year period which will involve many different teams, different departments across the Welsh Government and involving current and former staff, all of whose records would have to be consulted, where available.

A search of our finance system has identified 1,219 individual payments to the suppliers listed.

The request asks for a high-level description of services and whether the spend primarily relates to advice/assurance, or delivery/implementation/operational capacity. The finance system is unable to provide the information requested above and this exercise would require us identify a lead individual for each payment and ask them search and extract the information requested.

At an estimate of taking 5 minutes to locate and investigate each payment to identify the requested information would take in excess of 24 hrs for this exercise. Because this exceeds the appropriate limit established in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, I have decided not to process that part of your request. You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request, please be as specific and focused as possible.