

7 April 2026

Dear Mr Davies

Complaint in respect ATISN 26521

I wrote to you on 30 January regarding the handling of your FOI request.

I have conducted an internal review of your request in accordance with the procedure outlined in the [Requesting information from the Welsh Government](#) which is available by post on request, or via the Welsh Government website.

I note you received a response to your request ATISN 26591 on 20 January, which provided details for:

1. The cost of Welsh Government attendance / representation at:
 - Farnborough International Airshow in 2024 and 2022.
 - MRO Europe 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025
 - MRO USA 2022, 2023 and 2024
 - ADS Toulouse 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025

2. The amount of Welsh Government economic development funding given to the following companies in 2025:
 - BAE Systems, RTX / Raytheon, General Dynamics, Rolls-Royce, Irvin GQ, Airbus, Tekever, Safran, Triumph, Thale Group, GE Aerospace, ExCent.

In considering and reviewing your complaint, I have noted your original request, the response that issued, and your subsequent complaint.

Subsequent complaint:

Your complaint of 28 January relates to specifically the response to request number 2:

Request an internal review of FOI response (ATISN 26521), specifically (and only) the response to request number 2 (Welsh Government funding for specific companies).

My request was about Welsh Government funding for twelve specific defence and aerospace companies in 2025. It referred to 'economic development' but has been treated as an inquiry about a specific funding scheme which I did not name in my request.

My review has therefore focused on request number 2 only.

The review therefore concludes that the response you received on 20 January, in relation to question 2 of request ATISN 26591, provided information drawn from records held for the Economic Futures Fund (a specific Welsh Government funding programme). The term “Welsh Government economic development funding” can be used more broadly to describe a range of Welsh Government support (for example, skills support and other business support interventions) and is not limited to the Economic Futures Fund. On that basis, the internal review upholds your complaint that the original response treated question 2 as relating to the Economic Futures Fund, rather than considering the wider interpretation of “economic development funding”.

The Welsh Government economic development funding provided to the following companies in 2025 was as follows:

BAE Systems	0	
RTX / Raytheon	0	
General Dynamics	14,877.50	Payments in relation to the Flexible Skills Programme.
Rolls-Royce	0	
IrvinGQ	11,309.63	Payments for Overseas Business Development Visit (OBDV), small grant programme.
Airbus	800,000.00	£300k - paid to Airbus Endeavr Wales for WG Funding Contribution for the year 2025.
		£500k -Payments in relation to the Flexible Skills Programme.
Tekever	0	
Safran	4,000.00	Payments in relation to the Flexible Skills Programme.
Triumph	1,193.39	Payments for Overseas Business Development Visit (OBDV), small grant programme.
Thales Group	3,366,354.00	Funding for the NDEC Digital Centre
GE Aerospace	0	
ExCent	0	

If you remain dissatisfied with this response you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
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Yours sincerely

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