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Dear

ATISN 26845 – Funding for Uganda Tree Planting Projects

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 30 March. In your email you asked for the following:

1. ***A complete schedule of all payments made by the Welsh Government in connection with these projects, including for each payment:***
 - a. *date*
 - b. *amount*
 - c. *payee name*
 - d. *payment reference and/or invoice reference*
 - e. *relevant programme, grant scheme, or budget line*
2. ***Copies of supporting financial documentation corresponding to those payments, including but not limited to:***
 - a. *invoices*
 - b. *grant claims*
 - c. *payment authorisations*
 - d. *remittance records*
3. ***All grant agreements, funding award letters, and associated terms and conditions governing the provision of this funding.***
4. ***All financial monitoring and reporting information submitted to the Welsh Government by recipients of this funding, including:***
 - a. *expenditure breakdowns*
 - b. *financial reports*
 - c. *statements of onward disbursement to third parties (including, but not limited to, any fiduciary agents or delivery partners such as Blue Bolt Uganda Ltd)*
5. ***Any internal audit, assurance, compliance, or risk review documents relating to the management, oversight, or use of these funds.***

Our response

From my preliminary assessment I estimate that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

In order to provide you with the information that you have requested would require examining records for the lifetime of the programme - a period of at least 10 years. For each year, I will need to locate and retrieve information from our financial systems which relate to grant applications, invoices, quarterly reports and other related supporting information between the Welsh Government and our partner, Size of Wales, to determine what information is held in these documents and what is within the scope of the request. Looking at the time needed to collate this information for the last six financial years alone, I have estimated that this will take at least 28 hours. This calculation is based on every document requested taking approximately 10 minutes to check and determine if it is in scope of the request, then retrieve the requested information.

Some of the information you have requested is in the public domain. Responses to previous FOI requests are available through the Welsh Government's disclosure log ([Publication of freedom of information \(FOI\) responses | GOV.WALES](#))

Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

However, you may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about the information you particularly wish to obtain. We would suggest that, before resubmitting a more focused request, you are clear about what it is you are looking for and what it is you are trying to find out. If that information has not been released in response to previous FOI requests, focus your request on that specific information, rather than asking for all information on something in the hope that it contains what you are looking for. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

Next steps

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 Email: 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

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

Yours sincerely