

8 June 2026

Dear

### **Request for Information - ATISN 27029**

Further to your request for information of 1 June. You asked for information about windsocks on the roads and motorways in Wales. Specifically, you wanted to know:

1. Who is responsible for the windsocks on the roads and motorways?
2. Who supplies the windsocks for the roads and motorways?
3. Who repairs the windsock poles on the roads and motorways?
4. Who conducts the safety inspections on the windsock poles on the roads and motorways?

### **Our response**

The Welsh Government holds the information you have requested.

1. The Welsh Government is responsible, but the work is undertaken by our Trunk Road Agents.
2. If replacement units are required, the Trunk Road Agents would follow procurement rules and arrange for three separate quotes from various suppliers.
3. The windsocks would be replaced not repaired due to the costs involved. If a pole is needed this work would be undertaken by the technology contractor who maintains the other assets such as street lighting.
4. The Trunk Road Agent would undertake the visual safety inspections as required on the windsocks and posts. As part of the safety inspections, the Trunk Road Agents identify defects that compromise the efficiency and effectiveness of the units. Whilst the trafficked carriageways and restraint systems on the M4 are inspected daily, all other safety related features are inspected weekly. In the last month we replaced one of the two units west of the Prince of Wales Bridge on the M4.

### **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](mailto: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 contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://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