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Dear ,

ATISN 27215 – Procurement policy (27215)

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 13 July 2026. You asked for:

The information requested can be found at Annex 1.

Our response

Please see our response at Annex 2.

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

Annex 1

The following information relating to the Welsh Government's procurement policies and any assessment of potential links to involuntary prison labour within supply chains.

1. Copies of any procurement policies, guidance, procedures or due diligence documents that relate to:
 - modern slavery;
 - forced labour;
 - prison labour;
 - human rights within supply chains; or
 - ethical sourcing of goods and services.
2. Copies of any policies or guidance that specifically refer to involuntary or compulsory prison labour, whether within the UK or overseas.
3. Details of any assessments, reports, correspondence or internal discussions held by the Welsh Government concerning the use of prison labour in supply chains, including (but not limited to) any consideration of prison labour in the United States.
4. Details of any contracts, framework agreements or supplier due diligence processes that require suppliers to disclose the use of forced labour, involuntary prison labour or compulsory prison labour within their supply chains.
5. Copies of any standard contract clauses used by the Welsh Government relating to:
 - modern slavery;
 - forced labour;
 - ethical procurement; or
 - human rights in supply chains.
6. Details of any contracts, grants or procurement arrangements entered into with:
 - the State of Alabama;
 - the Alabama Department of Corrections;
 - Alabama Correctional Industries; or
 - any Alabama state agency operating prison industries.
7. If no such contracts exist, please confirm that the Welsh Government holds no information indicating any direct commercial relationship with those organisations.
8. Please provide details of any supplier audits, investigations or reviews undertaken where concerns have been raised regarding forced labour or prison labour within the supplier's supply chain.

Annex 2

1. Copies of any procurement policies, guidance, procedures or due diligence documents that relate to:
 - modern slavery;
 - forced labour;
 - prison labour;
 - human rights within supply chains; or
 - ethical sourcing of goods and services.

Response:

For parts 1 and 2 of the request, some of the information requested is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as it is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. Relevant information can be found in the following published documents:

[Welsh Government Modern Slavery Statement | GOV.WALES](#)
[Code of practice: ethical employment in supply chains \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#)
[Evaluation of Working Wales in prisons](#)
[Prison & Probation Policy Frameworks - GOV.UK](#)

The following documents contain information relating to modern slavery, forced labour, prison labour, human rights within supply chains and ethical employment practices. As they are published documents, we have also applied section 21 to this element of the request and provided links.

Procurement Act 2023 – Exclusion Grounds (Schedules 6 and 7)

Mandatory and discretionary exclusion grounds are set out in Schedules 6 and 7 of the Act. Welsh Government guidance on evaluating bidder compliance with exclusion grounds can be accessed via the Procurement Act guidance collection.

[Procurement Act 2023](#)

[Procurement Act 2023: guidance documents | GOV.WALES](#)

Wales Procurement Specific Questionnaire (WPSQ)

The WPSQ supports the operation of the Procurement Act 2023 and contains supplier selection and exclusion-related questions relevant to Welsh procurements.

[Welsh Procurement Policy Note \(WPPN\) 002: Wales Procurement Specific Questionnaire \(WPSQ\) and its use for Goods, Services and Works Contracts \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#)

Wales Procurement Policy Statement (WPPS)

Whilst the WPPS does not itself establish statutory exclusion grounds, it sets the strategic policy framework on ethical, socially responsible and sustainable procurement in Wales.

[Wales procurement policy statement \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#)

Welsh Procurement Policy Note 015: Ethical Employment Practices

considers modern slavery, labour standards and ethical employment within supply chains.

[Welsh Procurement Policy Note \(WPPN\) 015: Ethical employment practices in public sector supply chains – advice for devolved Welsh authorities \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#)

2. Copies of any policies or guidance that specifically refer to involuntary or compulsory prison labour, whether within the UK or overseas.

Response:

As above

3. Details of any assessments, reports, correspondence or internal discussions held by the Welsh Government concerning the use of prison labour in supply chains, including (but not limited to) any consideration of prison labour in the United States.

Response:

No data held.

4. Details of any contracts, framework agreements or supplier due diligence processes that require suppliers to disclose the use of forced labour, involuntary prison labour or compulsory prison labour within their supply chains.

Response:

See responses 1 and 2.

5. Copies of any standard contract clauses used by the Welsh Government relating to:
 - modern slavery;
 - forced labour;
 - ethical procurement; or
 - human rights in supply chains.

Response:

The Welsh Government Standard Template Specification includes the following:

1. ETHICAL SUPPLY CHAINS

- 1.1. The Client is committed to ensuring that fair and transparent employment practices are in place throughout the supply chain for the Services. The Client's policy in relation to Ethical Employment Practices in Welsh Government Supply Chains is attached below. The Client will work with the successful Bidder to monitor and to ensure that fair employment practices are in operation.

<https://gov.wales/ethical-employment-supply-chains-code-practice>

The Welsh Government Standard Terms and Conditions includes the following:

[Welsh Government's standard conditions for the supply of services](#) See clauses

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6. Details of any contracts, grants or procurement arrangements entered into with:
- the State of Alabama;
 - the Alabama Department of Corrections;
 - Alabama Correctional Industries; or
 - any Alabama state agency operating prison industries.

Response:

Searches of records have not identified any contracts, grants or procurement arrangements with the State of Alabama, the Alabama Department of Corrections, or Alabama Correctional Industries.

The final part of the request, referring to "any Alabama state agency operating prison industries", is too broad to search without further detail. If you can provide the name of the specific agency or organisation, we can carry out a further search for any information held.

7. If no such contracts exist, please confirm that the Welsh Government holds no information indicating any direct commercial relationship with those organisations.

Response:

WG does not hold any information indicating any direct commercial relationship with the listed organisations.

8. Please provide details of any supplier audits, investigations or reviews undertaken where concerns have been raised regarding forced labour or prison labour within the supplier's supply chain.

Response:

The Welsh Government's Wales Procurement Review Unit (WPRU) has not received any referrals, notifications of excluded suppliers, or concerns relating to forced labour or prison labour within a supplier's supply chain. The WPRU therefore does not currently hold any information concerning supplier audits, investigations or reviews undertaken, in relation to such concerns.

Under the Procurement Act 2023, responsibility for assessing suppliers, considering the application of exclusion grounds, and checking the debarment list when undertaking procurements, generally rests with individual contracting authorities.