

20 August 2026

Dear

ATISN 27261

Thank you for your request which I received on 27 July. You asked for the information as shown at Annex 1.

Our response

Our responses to your request can be found in Annex 1.

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 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 requested:

For the period 7 May 2025 to the date of this request:

1. Any final (non-draft) business case, cost projection, or budget document for the implementation of the Single Transferable Vote for local elections, and/or for the wider Senedd electoral reform programme, stating the projected costs at the time of approval.
2. The actual expenditure to date against those projections.
3. A copy of the Senedd Electoral Reform Delivery Board's Risk Register (reference SERDB(19)2026, considered 20 May 2026), and any subsequent version.
4. Any final (non-draft) programme milestone or delivery timeline for the electoral or constitutional reform work.

Response

1. Following a review of our records we have identified the information within the scope of your request. This information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) – Information Accessible to the Applicant by other means. This is an absolute exemption and is therefore not subject to the public interest test. Information can be found here:

- The Explanatory Memorandum / Regulatory Impact Assessment which accompanied the Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Act: [Senedd Cymru \(Member Accountability and Elections Act - Explanatory Memorandum.pdf\)](#)

2. The Welsh Government does not hold information within the scope of your request.

3. The information you have requested is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) – Information Accessible to the Applicant by other means. The information was disclosed to you previously and is already available in the public domain. You can access the information at: [FOI release 27210: Senedd reform](#)

4. Following a review of our records, we have identified below information within the scope of your request.

The indicative project timeline contained within the specification for the research contract titled *Democratic Impact and Change In 2026 – Citizens' Perspectives and Understanding*.

Milestone	Indicative completion date
Invitation to tender	26 August 2025
Tender clarification period end	26 September 2025
Return response closing date	03 October 2025
Contract award	October 2025
Start date of the contract	October 2025
Inception meeting with the Client	October 2025
Draft inception report submitted	November 2025
Sign-off inception report	November 2025
Stage 1	December 2025
Stage 2 - fieldwork	January-February 2026
Stage 2 – summary of findings	March-April 2026
Stage 3 – fieldwork	March and May 2026
Stage 3 – summary of findings	June 2026
Stage 4 - fieldwork	July-September 2026
Stage 4 – summary of findings	October 2026
Submission of draft final report	November 2026
Presentation meeting with Client	November 2026
Submission of final bilingual report, executive summary, and additional versions of findings (e.g. easy-read)	December 2026
Transfer of aggregate level of data and transcriptions	December 2026