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Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 27322

Thank you for your request for information which I received on 10 August. Your request has been logged under reference ATISN 27322. You have asked for the following information relating to Cardiff Airport:

1. All internal and external correspondence, meeting minutes, briefing notes, and memoranda held by the Welsh Government from the period 1 May 2012 to 31 March 2013 regarding potential private sector investment in Cardiff International Airport.

Specifically, your request seeks records relating to:

2. Any discussions, proposals, or negotiations involving Legal & General (L&G) regarding the potential purchase of an equity stake or investment in Cardiff Airport from Abertis Infraestructuras S.A. or TBI plc.
3. All correspondence involving Welsh Government Ministers, Special Advisers, or senior civil servants concerning the management structure, governance, or appointment rights of directors at Cardiff Airport during these investment discussions.
4. Internal assessments, emails, or policy briefings comparing the commercial viability of a private sector investment route (specifically involving L&G) against the alternative of a direct public sector acquisition.

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.

Having done an initial search on our electronic document storage system there are nearly 36,000 pieces of information using the term 'Cardiff Airport' pre-2015 the earliest allowed search capacity, which are stored which may or may not be relevant to your request. I refined the search to 'Legal & General Cardiff Airport' pre-2015. There are still over 13,000 pieces of information. At an estimate of 2 minutes to interrogate each piece of information to ascertain if it contains relevant information to your request, it would take over 433 hours for one staff member to process your request.

This time does not take into account searching our physical historic files. There are files which are stored in our remote storage facility which may or may not be relevant to your request. At an estimate of 20 minutes to interrogate each file to ascertain if it contains relevant information to your request, it would take additional time for one staff member to process your request.

In order for me to search for the information you are seeking, it would be helpful if you could provide a more specific request for information, for example by narrowing its scope and date range. Narrowing your request in this way would be very helpful and reduce the scope and

time it will take to process the request. 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: Freedomofinformation@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.

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

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.

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and email address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability

- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
CARDIFF
CF10 3NQ

Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

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Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at <https://gov.wales/about/open-government/freedom-of-information/responses/?lang=en>).

Yours sincerely,