



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 10297

Date: 15 March 2016

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 10297

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 12 March 2016.

I have provided my response to the questions you submitted at Annex 1

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:

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Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or

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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

How much is the refurbishment of the Government Buildings in Picton Terrace costing?

The refurbishment of Welsh Government's offices at Picton Terrace, Carmarthen is being undertaken incrementally. Completion of the main blocks A and B is scheduled for the end of April 2016, at a total estimated cost of approximately £5m.

How long has the work been in progress?

The main contractor commenced work on block A in January 2015

What will the buildings be used for after refurbishment?

The Welsh Government's Picton Terrace Carmarthen site will be one of its main office hubs in Wales. Welsh Government is undertaking work to its Picton Terrace Carmarthen offices that is long overdue. The building represents a long-term, cost-effective premises solution for the Government. The work we are doing will enhance the performance and lifespan of the building and optimise the use of the existing space, providing the potential for us to further rationalise our estate and reduce operating costs.

Welsh Government is achieving substantial savings from its estate overall. As a result of implementing our Location Strategy, we have significantly reduced the number of offices we operate from and delivered savings of over £19m in the last 5 years plus additional annual running cost saving of approximately £7m from April 2015.

Were local companies employed to carry out the work?

The main contractors and principal sub-contractors are all Welsh small and medium enterprises (SMEs) based in Cardiff, Port Talbot and Merthyr Tydfil.