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Ein cyf/Our ref ATISN 10366

Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

28 April, 2016

Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 10366

I wrote to you on 15 April regarding your request for information. You asked for information relating to the Superfast Broadband rollout scheme. In particular, you asked the following:

1. Original proposed scope (scoping document) for the original project leading up to March 2016.
2. Original proposed budget and the actual spend up until 31 March 2016.
3. Project earned value statement as of 31 March 2016.
4. Details on the additional money granted in June 2015 to extend the project to June 2017, how much of this budget was set aside for shortfalls in the original project delivery and whether it was clear this money and additional time would be needed to carry out the activities in the original plan.
5. Actual project plan for the Velindre exchange and all cabinets and FTTP postcodes for the original proposal and current.

I can confirm we hold some information relating to your request.

1. There is no single document that solely sets out the original scope of the project (a scoping document). However, the original scope of the project, developed during the business case and procurement processes, can be summarised as: Providing access to superfast broadband for 90 percent of 727,000 premises in the Superfast Cymru intervention area of at least 30Mbps with the aspiration of providing access to a further 5 percent of at least 24 Mbps. At least 40 percent of premises must be capable of accessing a service of at least 100Mbps.
2. The original Welsh Government budget for the Superfast Cymru project was £205m. The latest figures available up to the end of February 2016 show that the Welsh Government has incurred cost of £177,264,000.
3. The project has not finished so any calculation would only reflect the project earned value at this point in time and not for the whole project. The latest figures available as of the end of February 2016 show that the project has passed 568,771 premises



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against a contractual target for the end of quarter 4 for 2015/16 (31 March 2016) of 560,000.

4. In June 2015, 42,250 additional premises were added to the Superfast Cymru intervention area. An additional £19.4m was granted to BT in June 2015 to cover the cost of the implementation works to provide 90% of these additional premises with broadband speeds of 30Mbps and above, and an aspiration that a further 5% of the additional premises with broadband speeds between 24Mbps and 30Mbps. The project's build completion date was also extended to accommodate the additional premises. This funding was not allocated to cover premises under the original plan.
5. We do not hold this information. BT plans deployment to achieve a contract target of 90% coverage of the intervention area.

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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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