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Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 10383

I wrote to you on 22 April regarding your request for information on public subsidies for wood-fired power stations. Thank you for your further clarification, which I received on 26 April. You asked:

1. Does the Welsh Government subsidise any wood-fired power stations?
2. If so, when was the decision taken to do so?
3. What scientific evidence was considered when this policy was introduced?
4. What is the total annual subsidy for each year since the policy was introduced, broken down per recipient?
5. If the answer to question 1 is affirmative, minutes of the meeting(s) at which the policy was discussed and agreed.

The Welsh Government has not introduced a specific policy to subsidise wood-fired power stations and in that regard, we do not, therefore, hold information relation to each of your questions. This Department does, however, provide business support grants to eligible businesses. One such grant was provided, through European funding, to Western Bioenergy Ltd., which is a wood-fired power station in Margam, South Wales. Further information regarding this funding is available under the European Funds in Wales section of our website, located on page 104 of the “2000-2006 approved projects”: <http://gov.wales/docs/wefo/publications/150407wefo-all-en.pdf>

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Yours sincerely