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## **ATISN 10724**

## Strata Florida Abbey, Pontrhydfendigaid, Ceredigion, SY234 6ES

Thank you for your request which I received on 23 September 2016 about land on the West side of Strata Florida Abbey. The information you requested follows here:

1. The price paid for the land

The land was purchased on 02 November 1965 for the sum of £30.00 [thirty pounds].

The land was voluntarily registered with the Land Registry on 16 June 2010.

2. Whether the Welsh Ministers have purchased other land or property in the immediate vicinity of Strata Florida Abbey [in Welsh Ystrad Fflur], or have land or buildings belonging to the nearby farm known as Great Farm in English and Mynachlog Fawr in Welsh?

The Welsh Ministers have not purchased other land or property in the vicinity of Strata Florida Abbey. The Welsh Ministers do not have land or buildings belonging to the neighbouring farm, Mynachlog Fawr.

3. Whether the Welsh Ministers now act as Guardian for the Church of Wales which owns the site of the Abbey, title number CYM391371?

Strata Florida Abbey is in the Guardianship of Cadw on behalf of the Welsh Ministers. The Abbey was placed into the care of the Commissioners of Works [one of Cadw's predecessor bodies] on 06 August 1931.

Cadw yw gwasanaeth amgylchedd hanesyddol Llywodraeth Cymru. Ein nod yw hyrwyddo gwaith cadwraeth ar gyfer amgylchedd hanesyddol Cymru a gwerthfawrogiad ohono.

Cadw is the Welsh Government's historic environment service. Our aim is to promote the conservation and appreciation of Wales's historic environment.





4. If so, please tell me what this role involves and what powers it bestows upon the Guardian?

Guardianship of the monument is outlined in the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979. I embed a website link here for your reference - <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1979/46">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1979/46</a>

5. When and by what route the rôle of Guardian was transferred from the Secretary of State for Wales?

By virtue of Section 23 of the Government of Wales Act 1998 all of the property rights and liabilities and obligations of the Secretary of State for Wales were transferred to the National Assembly for Wales on 1st December 1998.

Subsequently, by virtue of paragraph 39 of Schedule 11 of the Government of Wales Act 2006, the property rights and liabilities of the National Assembly for Wales were transferred to the Welsh Ministers on 26th May 2007.

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Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ

or Email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

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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