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22 June 2017

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 11266

Thank you for your further email of 14 May 2017 providing clarification on your request for information. Please accept my apologies for the delay in providing you with this response.

In your clarified request, you asked for information on all resilience surveys and traffic surveys conducted on the A55 from the border with England to Holyhead from 1996 to present, namely:

1. The date of survey
2. Type of survey
3. Purpose of survey
4. Area surveyed
5. Cost of

I have concluded that it will still cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to deal with 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.

The process of commissioning, procuring, reviewing and storing the reports you have requested has changed significantly over the last 21 years. The information will be stored in many different locations and in many different formats. In order to provide you with the information that you have requested, it would require me to retrieve, review and extract the necessary information from those numerous locations.



We would need to search Welsh Government archives and databases as well as the archives and records of our Trunk Road Agents. The A55 tunnel areas alone from Conwy to Llanfairfechan include numerous surveys commissioned by different authorities by various consultants for different purposes, copies of which we may hold. It is estimated that to establish the total number of reports we hold would be one individual's time for approximately a two week period before any retrieval and collation of the data could begin. Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

You may wish to submit a revised request for information. If you do so, you may wish to consider narrowing the search time-frame by some significant margin and providing a more specific request. Alternatively, you may be aware that the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure has commissioned a resilience study to look at the whole network from Holyhead to Post House junction. The first stage of this work is intended to be completed late this summer, feeding into the existing schedule for improvements commencing from September. His announcement can be viewed at <http://gov.wales/newsroom/transport/2017/170428-ken-skates-keen-to-explore-further-a55-improvements/?lang=en>

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 FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk. 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.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely