



31 July 2017

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 11379

I wrote to you on the 10 July regarding your request for information in relation to litigation brought against the Welsh Government in a dispute over photographs of Dylan Thomas, specifically:

1. How many cases have been brought against the Welsh Government and in which countries?
2. How many have been resolved?
3. How many are ongoing?
4. The total cost to date of defending these actions and confirmation of whether or not attempts are being made to recover these costs from the claimant.

I confirm that we hold information relating to your request. Three cases have been brought against the Welsh Government in relation to this matter. The cases in the United States of America and Republic of Ireland have been resolved in the favour of the Welsh Government (subject to any appeals) and the Netherlands case is ongoing.

For your final question, to date, the total cost of defending these actions is approximately £327,328 (ex VAT calculated at the exchange rate of Euros/Dollars to GBP on 12 July 2017). I can confirm that attempts are being made to recover these costs.

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.



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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

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