

23 October 2017

Dear,

Request for Information – ATISN 11583

I wrote to you on 4 October regarding your request for information. In relation to the total amount of direct or indirect financial or other support, which you referred to as "subsidies" and which could include for example grants, loans and tax exemptions paid in 2016 to electricity generation plants which burn fossil fuels as their primary source of fuel, which you refer to as "fossil fuel plants", you asked for:

- Subsidies paid by central, regional and / or local government(s) in 2016 to operators of fossil fuel plants, such as grants or discounted loans.
- 2. Subsidies received by operators of fossil fuel plants in 2016 that are funded by way of levies on consumer bills, including but not limited to those which are covered by the Levy control Framework (such as the Renewables Obligation, Contracts For Difference, Capacity Market, etc.).
- 3. Services procured from operators of fossil fuel plants in 2016 that are not procured on a market-price basis (such as Black Start, Balancing Services, etc.).
- 4. Any other subsidies or targeted tax or other exemptions that benefit operators of fossil fuel plants paid to them in 2016.

For each request, you would like:

- The amount of subsidy deriving from individual measures;
- The amount of subsidy received by operators using particular fuels (e.g. coal, gas, or diesel generation technology);
- The amount of subsidy received by individual operators (e.g. RWE, SSE, etc.).

We do not hold any information as described by your request. Operation of the electricity market is not devolved and is a function of UK Government.



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Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ or <u>FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk</u>. 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