



Our Ref: ATISN 11793
Date: 2 January 2018

Dear ,

Request for Information - ATISN 11571

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on 7 December 2017. You asked for the following information:

- 1) Over the financial years 2015/16 and 2016/17, what was the overall cost to the Department for Education for providing services using the Welsh language?
- 2) Over the financial years 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many residents across Wales and Rhondda Cynon Taff chose the Welsh Language when corresponding with the Department for Education?

In point two, we have taken “corresponding with the Department for Education” to mean official correspondence dealt with by the Welsh Government’s Education Directorate.

The Welsh Government holds your requested information and this has been provided in Annex A.

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 email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@gov.wales

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,



Annex A

- 1) Over the financial years 2015/16 and 2016/17, what was the overall cost to the Department for Education, including its Welsh language Unit, for providing services using the Welsh language?**

The information is not recorded/held. The Welsh Government provides information and services to Welsh citizens bilingually across all Ministerial portfolios, as is our statutory duty. The cost of the Welsh language element of services, programmes and projects is not separately identifiable.

- 2) Over the financial years 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many residents across Wales and Rhondda Cynon Taff chose the Welsh Language when corresponding with the Department for Education?**

In 2015/16, the Education and Public Services Department responded to 100 pieces of official correspondence in Welsh.

In 2016/17, the Education and Public Services Department responded to 143 pieces of official correspondence in Welsh.

Of the correspondence we hold, many correspondents have not provided their postal address or location data as they have communicated via e-mail. It is not possible, therefore, to determine how many of those correspondents reside in Wales or in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

