



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 11919

Date: 15 February 2018

Dear _____,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 11919

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 18 January 2018. You asked for the following information:

- 1) How much the Welsh Government, including its departments and agencies, spent on cloud computing services in the 2015-16 financial year; the 2016-17 financial year; the 2017-18 financial year to the end of December 2017; and whether or not these figures include VAT?
- 2) Which suppliers the government has used since April 2015 for cloud computing services (such as Crown Hosting, Amazon Web Services, Google or Microsoft)?
- 3) How much it spent with each of these suppliers on cloud computing services in the 2015-16 financial year; the 2016-17 financial year; and the 2017-18 financial year to the end of December 2017? If there are a large number of such suppliers, I am happy to restrict my request to the largest five.
- 4) What the government uses cloud computing for, and whether this includes software as a service, platform as a service or infrastructure as a service?
- 5) What is the Welsh Government's policy on cloud computing.

The following information has been prepared in response to your request.

Question 1

	Total Spend (including VAT where applicable)
FY2015-16	£37,069
FY2016-17	£2,336,592
FY2017-18 (to end December 2017)	£2,847,173

Question 2

The majority of the WG cloud computing services (i.e. Microsoft 365 and Azure) are provided by Microsoft. There may also be other cloud computing services suppliers which are used within the supply chain but it is not possible to determine from the information that we hold in our finance systems who these suppliers are or how much has been spent with them.

Question 3

	Microsoft Spend (including VAT where applicable)
FY2015-16	£37,069
FY2016-17	£2,336,592
FY2017-18 (to end December 2017)	£2,847,173

Question 4

WG uses cloud computing for software as a service, platform as a service and infrastructure as a service.

Question 5

Welsh Government's ICT Strategy states that new systems will be cloud based where possible, in our cloud hosted datacentre or delivered as a SaaS or PaaS service that complies with our security and hosting requirements.

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Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or

Email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

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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