



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 11992

Date: 23 March 2018

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 11992

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 31 January 2018. You asked for the following information:

1. *All monies paid to Non - Government Organisations (NGOs) in the years 2014/15 2015/16 2016/17; and*
2. *All monies paid to Government Organisations (GOs) in the years 2014/15 2015/16*

Further to our request for clarification, you confirmed the following:

Non-Government are organisations outside of government i.e.: businesses.

Government are those organisations set up or within the control of the Welsh Government i.e. commissions, Welsh Local Government Organisation, work given to Wales Governance Centre and individual monies given to those who have carried out studies on behalf of the Welsh Government.

The information requested should be in the following format: Column 1 The name of the organisation, with the next 3 columns covering each individual year. The last column would be the total across the 3 years.

I estimate that it will take longer than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer 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 Welsh Government's finance system does not hold the specific information to breakdown our supplier database in the categories you have requested and as such, officials would need to review both the details of each supplier paid in the last 3 years and potentially the underlying transactions to respond.

During the period requested there have been payments made to 18,378 different suppliers. It would require a review of each supplier and then in a number of cases the transactions involved and associated paperwork to determine the split which you have requested. I estimate that in the majority of cases it would take approximately 30 seconds to extract and review the records but in around 10% of cases a further review of each supplier and associated transactions would be required. I estimate this process would take 291 hours to complete $((18,378 \times 0.9 \times 0.5\text{mins}) + (18,378 \times 0.1 \times 5\text{mins}) / 60) = 291 \text{ hours}$.

It is difficult to estimate due to the sheer volume of information you have requested, for the years in question your request potentially captures these 18,378 suppliers and over 370,000 separate transactions. Should you wish to refine I have included a note of the categorisation of suppliers which we do hold in our database below.

- Intercompany vendors
- Intergovernmental vendors
- CIS vendors
- International vendors
- General vendors

Alternatively it may be possible to provide information on a particular expenditure type within the time limit should you wish. Finally it may help to examine the details we already publish on all payments over £25,000 which are available on our website.

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@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