



Our ref ATISN 13208

Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

4 July 2019

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 13208

I wrote to you on 6 June regarding your request for information. You asked for the following information in relation to the the £44m spent by the Welsh Government on "development costs" preparing for and running the inquiry into proposals for an M4 relief road.

1. A breakdown of any further money spent, or that the Welsh Government has irreversibly committed to spending, on the M4 relief road, including compulsory purchase orders and land where property has been acquired when someone has successfully applied for blight.
2. A definitive total, or best estimate, of Welsh Government expenditure on the proposed road.

The information relating to question 1 can be seen in the table below. This includes the £44m of development costs for inquiry preparation and administration you refer to. Regarding question 2, a total of £114m has been spent since 2013 in connection with the M4 Corridor around Newport Project, including costs associated with the precursor Strategic Environmental Assessment process and subsequent Judicial Review. Up to a further £9.2 million has been allocated to complete statutory processes and bring the project to a close to maximise the value from the work carried out to inform the newly formed South East Wales Transport Commission.

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.



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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 .

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number.

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

Telephone: 01625 545 745 or 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, CARDIFF, CF10 3NQ

Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are as outlined above.

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at <http://wales.gov.uk/about/foi/responses/?lang=en>).

Yours sincerely

Total spending on M4 Corridor around Newport Project 2013 to date

Period	Costain Vinci Joint Venture 'Early Contractor Involvement' Technical and Procedural Work £m	Statutory Undertakers (Utilities) Design and Preparation Costs £m	Employers Agent Technical, Commercial and Contractual Work £m	Stakeholder Expenditure and Public Inquiry/ Legal costs £m	Land Expenditure on Successful Blight Applications £m	Early development costs in 2013	Total amount Inc Vat £m
2013 – March 2016	26.422	0	2.031	1.883	4.113	1.7	36.149
April 2016 – March 2019	53.590	1.202	3.408	13.150	6.610		77.96
Totals	80.012	1.202	5.439	15.033	10.723	1.7	114.410