

25 July 2023

Dear

Freedom of Information Request - ATISN 18647

Thank you for your request which I received on 26 June 2023. You asked for the following information regarding bus funding:

- Funding figures by county or other local authority, for funding provided for or in relation to bus services, by WG/WAG, the Senedd/Assembly, or other devolved bodies, for each financial year from devolution to 2022/23

From my preliminary assessment I estimate that it will cost more 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.

In order to provide you with the information that you have requested would require a **comprehensive search of our electronic and hard copy filing system**. This is complicated by the breadth of your request which covers multiple funding streams. Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. **For example, by selecting certain funding streams such as the Bus Services Support Grant, Mandatory Concessionary Fares or Bus Emergency Scheme**. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

Next steps

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: Freedom.ofinformation@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