

3 November 2023

Dear

I refer to your email of 6 October 2023 requesting the following information:

- A. How much farmers receive in direct (pillar 1) funding from Welsh Government.
- B. The total amount of money dedicated to pillar 2 funding.
- C. The amount of pillar 2 funding that directly reaches the farmer.
- D. The total administration and running costs of Rural Payments Wales.
- E. The total amount of money RPW & NRW received/deducted from farmers as penalties and fines.
- F. Total amount of money Natural Resources Wales receives from Welsh Government & is this money taken from the rural affairs budget.
- G. What other organisations/public bodies receive funding from the rural affairs budget.

Our response

Please find answers to your questions below:

- A. *How much farmers receive in direct (pillar 1) funding from Welsh Government.*
The Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) budget is agreed on an annual basis, the written statement confirming the budget for the BPS 2023 scheme year is in the following link: [Written Statement: Publication of Basic Payment Scheme \(BPS\) financial budget ceiling for 2023 scheme year and announcement BPS will continue in 2024 \(15 December 2022\) | GOV.WALES](#)
- B. *The total amount of money dedicated to pillar 2 funding.*
Pillar 2 (agri-environmental) Allocations can be found here: <https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2023-10/rural-development-plan-money-allocated-committed-and-spent-statistics-september-2023.xlsx>.
- C. *The amount of pillar 2 funding that directly reaches the farmer.*
The Pillar 2 spend to date can be found at the above link. Please note that further payments are due to be made to the end of the calendar year.
- D. *The total administration and running costs of Rural Payments Wales.*
The annual administration and running costs of Rural Payments Wales are £20m.

E. *The total amount of money RPW & NRW received/deducted from farmers as penalties and fines.*

For the 2022 Claim year a total of £176,603 in penalties were applied to the pillar 2 schemes.

F. *Total amount of money Natural Resources Wales receives from Welsh Government & is this money taken from the rural affairs budget.*

The amount of money Natural Resources Wales receives from Welsh Government is available in [NRW's Annual Report and Accounts](#).

G. *What other organisations/public bodies receive funding from the rural affairs budget.*

No other sponsorship bodies are funded from the rural affairs budget.

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