

Llywodraeth Cymru Welsh Government

30 May 2024

Dear

ATISN 19573 – Wales Metaverse

Information requested:

Thank you for your request which I received on 14 May 2024, in which you asked for detail on the Wales Metaverse costings and commissioning documents relating to such.

Our response:

The Wales Metaverse was commissioned by Visit Wales, as part of the programme of digital tourism marketing activity and development was delivered by a third-party contractor.

We cannot disclose, due to commercial confidentiality, the documents related to the commission and detailed breakdown of costs and hours attributable to the developer however, we can confirm that in total i.e. technical development, licence fees and hosting for the next six months, the project has been delivered for less than £16,000.

The Metaverse entry point is "housed" on the Visit Wales website, the anchor for all campaign marketing activity. Viewing figures for the first two weeks have been approximately 4,800 and positive media attention garnered has included coverage in Europe and the US across over 30 titles covering national news, travel and specialist tech. Part of this project activity was the additional highlighting of Wales for creativity and innovation.

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,

Canolfan Cyswllt Cyntaf / First Point of Contact Centre: 0300 0604400

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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

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