

30 May 2024

Dear .

ATISN 19587 – Wales Metaverse

Information requested:

Thank you for your request which I received on 16 May 2024, in which you asked for the total amount spent by the Welsh Government on developing and promoting the Wales Metaverse.

Our response:

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

We cannot disclose, due to commercial confidentiality, a 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.

In terms of promotional spend, the Wales Metaverse will be promoted as part of Visit Wales' digital campaign activity (and will equate to approximately £30k over the next six months) which drives potential visitors to the Visit Wales website to inspire holiday planning. The Metaverse entry point is "housed" on the Visit Wales website, where visitors can also be inspired by the widest range of information around visiting Wales "in real life".

The Wales Metaverse is a trial being used to test reach to even wider audience bases, complementing Visit Wales core digital activity.

Next steps:

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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.

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

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