



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Ein cyf/Our ref: ATISN 19606

20 June 2024

Dear ,

### **ATISN 19606 Port Talbot Harbour and Cardiff Airport**

Thank you for your request which I received on 22 May 2024. I have been asked to respond only to the below parts of your request. You will receive separate correspondence for the remaining parts of your request.

You asked for:

#### **6. Port Talbot Harbour:**

- ii. Value of funding provided to ABP from the Welsh Government.
- iii. Why are the well paid roles in Cardiff and overseas and not in Port Talbot? Please provide the name of the Welsh Government individual responsible for this decision.

#### **9. Cardiff Airport:**

- i. Please provide the name of the Welsh Government individual responsible for the airports growth plan.
- ii. Please detail the value over the last three years of professional service contractor fees to companies that are supporting the development of the airport and creating a website that looks professional, as opposed to the current website.

### **Our response**

I can confirm that Welsh Government holds some of the information you requested.

#### **6. Port Talbot Harbour:**

In my letter sent to you on 4 June, we requested that you provide more detail on your question 6. ii. above, by providing a timeframe to search our records against. For example, you could request “the value of funding provided to APB from the Welsh Government for the last three financial years”.

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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.

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We stated that without this clarification, we won't be able to answer that part of this request.

**6 ii:**

We have not received a response from you on this. We are therefore unable to respond to this part of your request.

**6 iii:**

The retention or transfer of staff from one part of Tata's business to another part of the business was a commercial matter for the business; this decision was made by Tata, and not a Welsh Government official.

**9 i and ii:**

Cardiff Airport is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Welsh Government, operated at arms-length as a private limited company. It operates in an independent, commercial manner, makes investment decisions on a wholly commercial basis, and is liable for its own actions and any issues arising from the running of its business.

The Airport Board and its executive team is therefore responsible for the operation of the airport business including the development and delivery of its growth plan. Stephen Rowan, Deputy Director for National and International Connectivity is the senior Welsh Government lead for the arms-length oversight of Cardiff International Airport Ltd.

The Airport Board is also responsible for commissioning its own consultants to advise on, and support, the day to day running of its business; this includes the design and content of the airport's website. The Welsh Government does not hold information on fees paid by the Airport to specific companies.

**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](mailto: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