

19 August 2024

Dear

ATISN 19454 – Contracts with Japanese companies

Thank you for your request which I received on 8 April 2024. Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in responding. You asked for:

- **The cost of trips to Japan to source portable homes**
- **The cost of the portable/temporary homes**
- **The cost to bring them to Wales**
- **The reason they cannot be bought from Welsh companies**
- **The purpose of the homes once purchased**

By way of background, the Welsh Government provides grant funding to both Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) and Local Authorities (LAs) in Wales for affordable housing. Our two main grant programmes for this purpose are the Social Housing Grant (SHG) Programme and the Transitional Accommodation Grant programme (TACP). Welsh Government therefore does not directly buy any homes from any contractor/company.

I can confirm that no Welsh Government official in the Welsh Government Housing and Regeneration Division has undertaken any trips to Japan to source portable homes.

I can confirm that we have provided TACP grant funding to Cardiff Council for the purchase of 155 modular homes at the former Gasworks site in Cardiff, of which 54 homes were from Daiwa House Modular Europe (formerly Jan Snel) a Dutch company with a parent company in Japan (Daiwa House). The homes were shipped from Holland, with Daiwa House UK (based in Swansea) managing the onsite delivery and set up.

While Welsh Government has a total cost for the supply and on-site works related to the homes at the Gasworks site, we do not have a breakdown by modular supplier, which would include the cost of bringing them to Wales. To obtain this information, you would need to contact Cardiff Council.

You can buy these homes from Welsh companies and there are several in Wales who supply such homes to RSLs and LAs. Welsh Government encourages the uses of Welsh companies and suppliers, but also acknowledges that in some instances due to time constraints, the need to test different solutions, or to encourage other companies into Wales it is necessary to go outside Wales.

The purpose of the homes is to provide transitional accommodation for people who are currently in temporary accommodation. The homes are classified as meanwhile

use homes i.e. they will be on site for a period of time and then moved to alternative sites when considered appropriate by the LA.

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

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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