

2 October 2024

Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 20909

Thank you for your request for information which I received on 5 September. You have asked for the following information relating to a proposed Cross Bristol Channel (Severn Sea) Hydrogen Powered Car Ferry Ship from Swansea to North Devon or Cornwall:

1. Has Wales Government any research details on the **demands** for such a Cross Bristol Channel (Severn Sea) Hydrogen Powered Car Ferry Ship? Who would hold such details of such 'demand'?
2. Has Wales Government any research details on the **costs** for such a Cross Bristol Channel (Severn Sea) Hydrogen Powered Car Ferry Ship? If so - how much?
3. Has Wales Government any research details on the available **funding**, if any, for such a Cross Bristol Channel (Severn Sea) Hydrogen Powered Car Ferry Ship?
4. Whilst Swansea Docks has berthing facilities for such a Ferry Ship, at the old disused Cork Ferry berth nearby the M4 motorway, **where** are berthing facilities for such a ship in North Devon or Cornwall with a suitable trunk road network nearby?
5. Has Welsh Government held **talks** with Swansea Council and our cross-channel Authorities on this topic, if so are talks ongoing and with which Authorities?
6. As there appears to be only one such Hydrogen Powered Car Ferry Ship in existence globally, where will such a ship become available and at what cost and what shipyards could deliver one?
7. Has any Ferry Ship operator been approached or expressed interest in such a venture and if so do they expect public funding towards the cost of operating such a service?
8. Is the Hydrogen Fuel available in Swansea at sufficient quantity?
9. Who is the relevant WAG Cabinet Member dealing with this brief?

Our Response

In terms of question 1,2,3,4,6,7 and 8, Welsh Government does not hold any of the information you have requested.

Question 5, Welsh Government has not held talks on this topic.

Question 9, no Cabinet member is dealing with this brief at present.

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Yours sincerely