

Dear

Request for information – ATISN 21950

Thank you for your refined request for information which I received on 25 September.

Your Request

You asked for the following information:

1. Up to date information (from financial year 2017/18 up to 2024/25) regarding the financial support provided to the organisations listed in Freedom of Information response ATISN 13976; specifically: Welsh ICE Caerphilly, Tramshed Tech, Wrexham Enterprise Hub, Focus Newtown Enterprise Hub and Yr Egin Enterprise Hub – Carmarthen. To include any information that may be held now that was not held in the original response.
2. Details of the bidding process for grants provided to these organisations.
3. Details of how the Welsh Government evaluated value for money.
4. Details of how the monies provided to these organisations were spent, and if any money(s) were repaid to the Welsh Government if unspent.
5. The Wrexham Enterprise Hub closed in 2023, did the Welsh Government review its grant awarding processes as a result of its closure?

Our Response

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

For question one, the information is included in the table below:

Hub/co-working space	Welsh Government funding from 2017/18 to 2024/25
TechHub Swansea	£0
Indycube Swansea	£99,907.68
Trade Street Desks - Cardiff	£0
Welsh ICE Caerphilly	£ 2,217,024.85
Rabble Studio – Cardiff	£0
The Sustainable Studio – Cardiff	£0
Tramshed Tech – Cardiff	£ 129,127.72
Barclays Eagle Lab – Cardiff	£0
Wrexham Enterprise Hub	£1,961,763.35
Focus Newtown Enterprise Hub	£1,234,411.10
Space2B Maltings – Cardiff	£0
Tec Marina – Penarth	£0
Yr Egin Enterprise Hub – Carmarthen	£1,163,593.49

For question two, funding was provided following business case approval, or for the Welsh Government Enterprise Hubs following an open procurement exercise advertised via Sell2Wales.

For question three, the Welsh Government follows and uses the guidance set out in the following documents:

- The Magenta Book provides a comprehensive overview of evaluation in government
[The Magenta Book - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)
- The Green Book provides the economic principles that are applied to evaluation
[The Green Book: appraisal and evaluation in central government - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

For question four, funding has supported hubs and co-working spaces to provide space for businesses, start-ups and entrepreneurs to share expertise, good practice and have a network of support. Funding has supported entrepreneurial activity, business support and advice, networking and mentoring, and supported innovation driven entrepreneurship.

For your final question, I can confirm that an independent review was published in May 2022:

[Review of Welsh Government Entrepreneurial Support Services Enterprise Hubs](#)

Next steps

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Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedomofinformation@gov.wales

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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