



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 10725

Date: 3 October 2016

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 10725

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 5 September 2016. You asked for the following information:

1. In budget year 2014/2015 how much did your organisation spend on: a) tea, b) coffee, c) sugar, d) fruit juice, e) chocolate/cocoa products, f) clothing, g) bananas, h) wine? In that same year how much did your organisation spend on Fairtrade certified versions of the above products?
2. In the same year, how much did your organisation spend on fish and fish products? How much of this spend was on products certified by the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)?
3. How much in budget year 2014/2015 did your organisation spend on wood and timber products? In this year, how much of this spend was on wood and timber products with Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification?

I have concluded that to provide the information requested would cost more than the appropriate limit established in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to consider your request and because of this the regulations allow me to refuse to deal with it. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600.

When calculating whether or not your request exceeds the appropriate limit, I am allowed to consider the time it is likely to take to locate, retrieve and extract it. If these tasks are estimated to take more than 24 hours of working time, the limit will have been exceeded.

The Welsh Government finance system does not hold information against the specific categories of spend you have identified (attributed to Fairtrade, MSC or FSC certification). For the catering code on the Welsh Government finance system, there are 816 purchase orders from April 2015-March 2016. However, these are only for the transactions outside of the main catering contract.

I estimate it would take approximately 3 minutes to review each of the 816 purchase orders (alone) to establish what information within each met the criteria of your request. The appropriate limit is therefore exceeded for just this part of your request ($816 * 3 / 24 = 102$ hrs).



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: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

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