



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

3 August 2017

Dear ,

ATISN 11387 raising education standards

Thank you for your request which I received on 6 July 2017 about how much money the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Kirsty Williams AM has set aside to spend on raising standards in education and a breakdown of expenditure to date.

Thank you also for the information you provided on 11 July in response to my request for additional information on 10 July to enable me to identify and locate the information you were seeking. You clarified you were seeking a breakdown of expenditure of raising standards in education from when the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Kirsty Williams AM came to post to the present day.

The information you requested is enclosed at doc 1.

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.

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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.

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



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The Welsh Government has committed to spend an additional £100 million to raise school standards over this Assembly term. As part of this commitment, the Welsh Government's Final Budget for 2017-18 includes £20 million for raising school standards. Kirsty Williams AM took up position as Cabinet Secretary for Education in May 2016. The following information relates to the Raising School Standards Budget Expenditure Line within the Welsh Government Budget. It covers the period from May 2016 to the end of June 2017.

The Raising School Standards Budget Expenditure Line

	2016-17	2017-18 Year to date (April – June)	
	Cumulative spend £	Budget £	Cumulative spend £
Curriculum and Assessment – supporting a national curriculum with equity and excellence at its core that sets high standards for all learners.	410,000	2,225,000	nil
Leadership – supporting inspirational leaders working collaboratively to raise standards	840,551	3,200,000	nil
Pedagogy – improving the teaching and learning in our schools	837,276	9,435,000	46,188
Research and Evaluation – supporting evidence based approaches to improvement.	1,159,598	240,000	30,000
Self Improving System – supporting a system in which school leaders and teachers have the skills, capacity and agency to continually learn and improve their practice	400,000	4,650,000	nil
Wellbeing – supporting strong and inclusive schools committed to excellence, equity and wellbeing	nil	250,000	nil
Raising School Standards (total)	3,647,426	20,000,000	76,188