



8 August 2018

Dear ,

ATISN 12528 – Air pollution funding

Thank you for your emails to the Freedom of Information Officer, which I received on 2 August 2018. You asked for:

- *How much did the Welsh Government spend on tackling air pollution in 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18? And what projects was this funding allocated to?*
- *How much did Transport for Wales spend on tackling air pollution in 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18? And what projects was this funding allocated to?*

We do not hold information regarding Transport for Wales spending on tackling air pollution.

With respect of Welsh Government spending on tackling air pollution, from my preliminary assessment I estimate that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

The total budget and expenditure for measures which may improve air quality is likely to entail a very large number of interventions operated or supported by the Welsh Government. In line with the principles of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, Welsh Government seeks to integrate air quality policy with other policy areas so that they support each other and work together to deliver multiple well-being benefits across all of the seven goals set out in the Act. To identify all budgeted and actual expenditure relating to measures that directly and indirectly address air quality would therefore require a significant expenditure of resource

Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

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

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,