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Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 12921

Thank you for your request for information dated 24 January. You asked the following three questions relating to pothole compensation claims from NMWTRA and SWTRA:

1. How much money overall has been paid out by each Agent in compensation as a result of claims (whether or not liability was accepted) relating to potholes involving (a) cyclists and (b) motorists in each of the last five financial years: 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18?
2. How many individual (a) cyclists and (b) motorists have received compensation as a result of legal claims relating to potholes in each of the last five financial years: 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18?
3. What is the Agents total expenditure on legal costs of defending and settling legal claims, including both their own and the Claimants' legal costs, for pothole related claims in each of the last five financial years: 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18?

You have asked for the responses for each year separately and answers in relation to the date the compensation payment was made, as opposed to the date of the original incident.

Please find attached the figures requested, these are (vehicle and cyclists) in respect of carriageway defects but may not be for potholes specifically; we do not break the information down that far.



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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.

THIRD PARTY CLAIMS EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT WHICH CONSISTS OF COMPENSATION PAYMENTS AND CLAIMANTS LEGAL FEES – THESE ARE NOT BROKEN DOWN INDIVIDUALLY AS THEY ARE PAID IN ONE LUMP SUM, USUALLY VIA WELSH GOVERNMENT'S SOLICITORS, SOMETIMES DIRECT TO THE CLAIMANT SOLICITORS	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
	£3,387.65	£2,534.39	£800.00	£0	£0
WELSH GOVERNMENT LEGAL FEES PAID	£0	£0	£354.96	£0	£149.00

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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