18 July 2019

Dear ,

ATISN 13249 - Total amount paid by the Welsh Government to the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society for the sponsorship of the Food Hall and Clwyd Glamorgan Hall at the Royal Welsh Show this year (2019).

Details on when this agreement by the Welsh Government and RWAS was signed.

Thank you for your request which I received on 25 June 2019 about the amount paid by the Welsh Government to the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society for sponsorship of the Food Hall and Clwyd Glamorgan Hall this year and when the agreement by the Welsh Government and RWAS was signed. The information you requested is enclosed.

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
• The Welsh Government’s Food Division has entered into an agreement with the RWAS for this year’s show costing £170,000.

• This includes £135,000 for hire of the Clwyd Glamorgan Hall (old Food Hall) and £35,000 for continued use of the Business Lounge located upstairs to the Food Hall in addition to all advertising/promotional space in and around the main Food Hall.

• The Clwyd Glamorgan Hall will be a new Skills Zone and will bring together stakeholders and partners including the Industry Board, Food Innovation Wales, National Skills Academy for Food & Drink, Food Clusters Wales to raise awareness of the career opportunities available within the Industry.

• Welsh Government have identified a need to attract talent to the industry. 7,500 new entrants forecast to be required in the food manufacturing sector in Wales by 2025.

• The Welsh Government’s agreement with the RWAS was approved 15 July 2019.