



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Ein cyf/Our ref - ATISN 13653 - Banksy

8 January 2020

Dear,

Thank you for your e-mail to the Welsh Government requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), received on 17 December about Banksy's 'Seasons Greetings' that arrived in Port Talbot in 2018. I am able to confirm that Welsh Government holds some of the information that you requested. I've provided a response beneath each of your questions below.

- 1) *How much Welsh Government money has been spent to date (up to 17th December 2019) on the Banksy?*

The Welsh Government paid a grant of £53,106 to cover the full costs of the extraction, removal and relocation of the Banksy artwork from the garage at rear of Richmond Place, Port Talbot to Port Talbot town centre (Ty'r Orsaf) by the contractor Andrew Scott Ltd.

There were also costs incurred of £69,993.95 to pay for a full-time security guard at the site during the period of 11 January 2019 – 3 June 2019. This figure included contractor staff costs and the supply of a welfare unit & toilet.

The total cost of the Welsh Government's support for the preservation of the Banksy artwork was £123,099.95.

- 2) *What is the on-going running cost for the Welsh Government for maintaining and looking after it? Please itemise the costs in full detail with regards to things like security and insurance etc (see below).*

No on-going running costs are being incurred by Welsh Government

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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.

3) *How much has the owner of the artwork - John Brandler - contributed in total? - Also with a breakdown, where possible.*

The Welsh Government does not hold this information. This is an issue for the owner of the artwork.

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

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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