



Our Ref: ATISN 13694
Date: 12 February 2020

Dear ,

ATISN 13694 - Tomlinson's dairy

Thank you for your request which I received on 16 January 2020. You asked for:

1. Any correspondence from and to Welsh Government ministers and/or officers relating to Tomlinson's dairy prior to 1st January 2019.
2. Evidence of due diligence by Welsh Government and Development Bank of Wales prior to grant funding to Tomlinson's.

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.

In order to provide you with the information that you have requested we would need to search for information in at least four divisions of Welsh Government that we believe hold substantial information.

To estimate the scale of the work involved, we asked on team what information they had in scope for part 1 of the request, and they reported that they have in excess of 100 items of correspondence over a large number of files.

We undertook a sampling exercise that involved locating and extracting information from files and reviewing the information to see if it was in scope. This is a manual process as the contents of files must be read through to ascertain whether each piece of information is in scope or not. Although this can be done quickly for each item, the number of items is large. This sampling exercise led to an estimate that it would take 25 hours to locate and extract data from this team, and if the scale of the exercise were the same in all divisions holding information, we estimate that this would take an estimate 100 hours of work. This greatly exceeds the appropriate limit under FOI.

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

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

I can confirm that we hold no information regarding your request at Point 2 regarding The Development Bank of Wales grant funding of Tomlinson's.

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