



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Email request

Our ref: ATISN 13812

Date: 20 March 2020

Dear

ATISN 13812 – Funding in Wales

Thank you for your request which I received on 21 February 2020. You asked for:

- a) What contribution tax revenues collected in Wales have made/will make towards the High Speed 2 project.
- b) Detail of projects within Wales over the last 20 years which have received more than £1bn of funding allocated by the UK Government.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government.

- a) It is not possible to say how much tax revenue collected in Wales has been spent on or earmarked for HS2. UK revenues collected in Wales are paid into central UK Government funds which are used to finance the welfare system and public services generally, including the block grant to the Welsh Government for the provision of devolved public services in Wales. The Wales Governance Centre at Cardiff University published a detailed report on the public finances in Wales last year called Government Expenditure and Revenue Wales 2019, available via the link below. The report sets out total public sector expenditure and tax revenues in Wales, which includes UK Government taxes raised in Wales.

https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0009/1542474/full_gerw_print.pdf

- b) The Welsh Government does not hold central records of projects funded directly by the UK Government in Wales in respect of reserved matters. Whilst the primary source of financing for the Welsh Government's budget is the Block Grant, which is received from UK Government, this is not received in

respect of specific projects. The allocation of this funding to devolved priorities and projects is the responsibility of the Welsh Government. The Welsh Government's final Budget for 2020-21 setting out its spending plans for the coming financial year has recently been agreed by the National Assembly for Wales, and is available on the attached link:

<https://gov.wales/final-budget-2020-to-2021>

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,