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Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

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Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 14581

I wrote to you on 2 December regarding your request for information on electric vehicle charging points.

Your request

In my letter of 2 December, I outlined my understanding of what you have asked for regarding the use of electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging points, specifically:

1. Minutes from meetings where public electric vehicle charging has been discussed and what actions were raised.
2. Details of guidance, money and other support allocated to unitary authorities for the provision of rapid and super-rapid charging facilities in their area.
3. Areas identified by the Welsh Government as having insufficient public charging facilities and the proposal or actions to address this.
4. Areas identified by the Welsh Government as having insufficient power capacity to provide multiple super-rapid charging facilities.
5. Actions and discussions with distribution network operators in Wales about ensuring the provision of substation capacity for the provision of rapid and super-rapid charging facilities in areas where that have been identified in (4) above.
6. Details of plans, guidance, proposed legislation and/or support to encourage or provide public on-street charging facilities (such as lamppost charging or cable grooves) for homes across Wales.
7. The timetable for the rollout of all initiatives for public electric vehicle charging across Wales over the next 10 years (leading up to the ban on internal combustion cars in 2030).
8. Any other guidance, support or incentives for the acquisition and use of electric vehicles by the members of the public in Wales.



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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 .

In my letter of 2 December, I explained that it was likely your request would be very time consuming to deal with as it is very broad, asks for a significant amount of information and doesn't provide a search time-frame. I provided you with advice and guidance on how to narrow the focus of your request to potentially bring it within scope. Because I have not heard further from you, I have considered your request as it currently stands.

From my preliminary assessment I estimate 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, it would require me to retrieve, review and extract the necessary information, in the most part, from our electronic filing system, iShare. Additional information may be held on our paper files. Requesting a broad scope of information, for example '*details of guidance*' or '*details of plans*' makes this search very difficult and time consuming. You have also not provided a search time-frame which adds to the complexity of your request.

Our documents are saved on iShare using naming conventions appropriate to the effective recording of information for our own purposes. Setting our systems in this way, and in line with our Records Management policy, enables effective delivery and will not necessarily lend themselves to being easily interrogated for generic requests for information. A general iShare search using the search terms 'electric vehicle charging', without a search time-frame, yielded several thousand results. At an average estimate of one minute per result to check whether it is relevant to your request and then extracting the relevant information, it would take one official at least a full working week, but it is very likely the work would extend beyond that timeframe. In addition, any recent information held in individual e-mail accounts and more historic information which may be stored in paper files would also need to be interrogated.

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. On 2 December 2020, we launched a consultation on our electric vehicle charging strategy for Wales. There may be information within the consultation document which may help you to submit a more focused request. The consultation can be found at <https://gov.wales/electric-vehicle-charging-strategy>. We have also published information on the ultra low emission vehicle transformation funds we have awarded to each local authority at <https://gov.wales/ultra-low-emission-vehicle-transformation-fund-grants-awarded-2020-2021-html>. This information may also help you to reduce the focus of your request. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

Next steps

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