

03 November 2023

Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 19215

Your request

You have asked for the following information:

How much financial compensation have been paid by the Assembly for the following breaks to contracts.

1. Compensation to Norman Foster and partners for the first Assembly building
2. Lang construction for the Grange Hospital.
3. Contractors for the bypass in Mid Wales
4. Plans for the new bridge over the Meni Straight
5. Houses and land bought for the M4.

Our Response

I can confirm the Welsh Government holds some of the information you have requested.

1. Firstly, the Senedd contract was with Richard Rogers Partnership (RRP) and NOT Norman Foster. These events took place in the early 2000s and we no longer hold records for this. However, there are Audit reports on this which are in the public domain. I attach at link to one of them. [Microsoft Word - New Assembly Building Update & annexes fin.doc \(senedd.wales\)](#)
2. The contract for the building of the Grange Hospital was between the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and the Constructors Laing O'Rourke. Any queries on this matter should be directed to the Health Board.
3. Contractors for the bypass in Mid Wales. No contract has been broken for a Welsh Government bypass project in mid Wales which led to financial compensation being paid.
4. Plans for the new bridge over the Meni Straight. No contract has been broken on the 3rd Menai Crossing which led to financial compensation being paid.
5. Houses and land bought for the M4. Land and properties were purchased as part of M4 Corridor around Newport scheme development which included

compensation payments being made under the Highways Act 1980 and Town and Country Planning Act 1990 but these compensation payments were not as a result of cancelled/broken contracts.

I attach a link to the list of properties and land purchased as part of the M4 Corridor around Newport scheme given in answer to a Written Question in September 2022. This list was previously supplied to the Public Accounts Committee in July 2019. No properties have been sold since July 2019.

[Written Question - WQ86040 - Welsh Parliament \(assembly.wales\)](#)

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: Freedomofinformation@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