

10 May 2024

Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 19512

Thank you for your request for information dated 25 April 2024.

Information requested

You asked:

Please confirm the total cost of the novelty Dragon 20 mph road signs that have recently been installed.

Include total cost of signs and how much it has cost in 'man hours' to install, or the projected total cost.

Please explain why at a time when essential services are being cut due to budget constraints, the government can justify spending tax payers money on novelty road signs.

Our response

We do not hold information on the costs or 'man hours' of installing the signs. This information is held by the relevant local authority with responsibility for placing the sign.

All 20mph signs close to schools are being removed if they are nested in an entrance zone sign or repeater sign, as you cannot legally have repeater speed limits signs for a default speed limit, because the lamp columns act as reminders. Some 20mph zone signs previously had supplementary plate of a child's drawing, so to continue to be able to have this road safety message in place outside schools, it was decided to make it permissible to add an optional child's drawing supplementary plate to the school warning sign.

The Dragon 20 mph was chosen from a children's road safety competition with over 2000 entries from schools across Wales, to remind drivers to take care outside schools. Please follow the link to the Statutory Instrument [The Traffic Signs \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations and General Directions 2023 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#) for information relating to this sign.

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