



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Ein cyf/Our ref: ATISN 19604

19 June 2024

Dear ,

ATISN 19604 - Purchase of trains

Thank you for your request for information dated 22 May 2024. I have been asked to respond only to the below parts of your request. You will receive separate correspondence for the remaining parts of your request.

Information requested

For the parts relevant to my policy area, you asked the following:

2. Transport for Wales (TfW) has mis-managed the train replacement programme. CAF trains discriminate against disabled people as they do not offer step-free access and they are only allowed to sit in restricted areas of the train.

- i. Has there been a public enquiry into the procurement process?
- ii. Please confirm which professional services company supported TfW in the procurement process and if the Welsh Government has recouped any fees paid to that professional services company for poor performance?

5. For Network Rail, I developed Our Company - MCML Projects Private Limited (moplindia.in) who about ten years ago won a design contract to supply the Welsh Railway and were 80% cheaper than Mott MacDonald (who have design houses in the region and the company makes high profit levels) - who provide a lot of professional services advisory to the Welsh Government. Please detail the following:

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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- i. Number and value of contracts awarded to Mott MacDonald by the Welsh Government in the last three years. For each detail who else was on the tender list.
- ii. Number and value of contracts awarded to MPPL by the Welsh Government in the last three years. For each detail who else was on the tender list.
- iii. Number and value of contracts awarded to Tata Consult by the Welsh Government in the last three years. For each detail who else was on the tender list.
- iv. Date and attendees of meetings in last two years between the Welsh Government / Transport for Wales and Mott MacDonald.
- v. Date and attendees of meetings in last two years between the Welsh Government / Transport for Wales and MPPL for supplier development purposes.
- vi. Date and attendees of meetings in last two years between the Welsh Government / Transport for Wales and Tata Consult for supplier development purposes

Our response

For q2 –

- i. There has been no public enquiry into the procurement process therefore this information is not held.
- ii. Steer Davies Gleave/Steer supported TfW in the procurement process. Welsh Government has not recouped any fees paid to the company for poor performance. TfW may hold further information regarding this matter, they can be contacted at [Freedom of Information | TfW](#).

For q5, having searched our records I can confirm that Welsh Government hasn't awarded any rail related contracts to the companies mentioned above and no meetings have been held during the timeframe specified.

TfW may hold further information regarding this matter, they can be contacted at Freedom of Information | TfW.

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:

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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