



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Ein cyf/Our ref ATISN 19529

7 May 2024

Dear ,

### **Request for Information – ATISN 19529**

Thank you for your requests for information, both dated 30 April 2024.

### **Information requested**

You asked:

1. A list of all loans made by the Bank to:
  - Sustrans
  - The Size of Wales
2. The purpose of the loans.
3. The interest repayment terms applied to the loans.

And in a second request:

1. A full list of all the organisations the Bank has lent to.



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2. A list of all organisations that have outstanding loans and the amount outstanding on those loans.
3. A list of all loans that have not been repaid and have been written off.
4. A list of any and all loans given to Dauson Environmental Group and any subsidiaries of that Company.

## **Our response**

The Development Bank of Wales operates a range of funds on behalf of the Welsh Government. As an arm's length body, all lending and investment decisions taken by the Development Bank are wholly independent of the Welsh Government.

Details of individual business loans and investments are commercial matters managed by the Bank.

Thus, in response to your requests:

### **First request:**

Welsh Government does not hold any of the information you have requested.

### **Second request:**

Welsh Government does not hold information for parts 1-3. We do, however, hold the following information for question 4, A list of any and all loans given to Dauson Environmental Group and any subsidiaries of that Company:

- Dauson Environmental has received 4 loans from the bank.
- Two historic loans were fully and successfully repaid.
- The company took a loan through the Covid Wales Business Loans Scheme, which is also being fully serviced.
- Finally, the company has recently been loaned £400k to support the purchase of a solar farm.

## **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](mailto: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