

17 July 2024

Dear

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 20 June 2024. You asked for the following information:

For the tax years 2014/15 to 2022/23 inclusive, please would you please fully disclose the following details, breaking the figures by year:

1. How much revenue has been received by your organisation for services rendered to film and television productions? This could include location rental, permits and all other services related to film productions using your personnel or resources.
2. The type of work or service rendered, in each case and disclose the revenue received for each type of service.
3. How much has your organisation spent on facilitating such arrangements between 2014/15 to 2022/23, inclusive, broken down by year?

Our response

The information you requested is enclosed.

As different teams / divisions within the Welsh Government work across this area we have collated responses accordingly.

1. a). The Wales Screen service (part of Creative Wales) does not charge for any of its services as it is a government agency, neither does it issue filming permits for locations, therefore, no revenue is received for these services by Wales Screen / Creative Wales.

b). The Welsh Government office at Cathays Park in central Cardiff (CP2) is occasionally used as a location for filming but no charge is made for this service, therefore no revenue is received for these services by the Welsh Government. The conditions attached to the Cardiff Corporation Act and subsequent restrictive covenants applied when our Cathays Park offices (CP1 and CP2) were built includes the prohibition against undertaking a business for profit.

c). Cadw, the Welsh Government's historic environment service manages filming requests on behalf of Welsh Government across their estate. They have reported that for the tax years 2014/15 to 2022/23 inclusive they have received the following revenue:

2014/2015	£74,693
2015/2016	£38,101
2016/2017	£54,173
2017/2018	£24,480
2018/2019	£137,897
2019/2020	£151,812
2020/2021	£25,776
2021/2022	£166,939
2022/2023	£80,983

d). The Economy portfolio within Welsh Government has managed filming at other sites across the estate and have reported the following revenue (excl. of VAT):

2014/2015	£57,250
2015/2016	£7,875
2016/2017	£3,775
2017/2018	£5,875
2018/2019	£1,500
2019/2020	£2,625
2020/2021	£7,500
2021/2022	£4,125
2022/2023	£0

2. a). Wales Screen encourages film and television productions to use locations, crew and facilities throughout Wales by promoting their details via an online database which is free for sites, companies and individuals to register on. Services are not chargeable.

b). Use of CP2 (Welsh Government building) in Cathays Park, central Cardiff by television productions; no charge is made for filming.

c). Use of heritage sites throughout Wales, managed by Cadw, for filming (see revenue breakdown above).

d). Use of land or industrial sites/units throughout Wales, owned by Welsh Government, for filming (see revenue breakdown above).

3. a). No spend has been incurred by Creative Wales.

b). No spend has been incurred by the Facilities team at CP2, Cathays Park. There is 24/7 security on site and costs cannot be disaggregated or attributed specifically to filming.

c). In regard to Cadw there aren't any direct costs except the salaries of a small team but this cannot be attributed specifically to filming as they work across multiple income streams.

d). In regard to the Economy portfolio there aren't any direct costs except the salaries of a small team but this cannot be attributed specifically to filming as they work across multiple income streams.

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,