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Dear Ms Finch-Saunders MS/AS

**ATISN 15916: spend on the development and introduction of the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Act 2020**

Thank you for your request which I received on 4 January 2022. You asked for:

- To date, how much has the Welsh Government spent on the development and introduction of the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Act 2020?

**Response**

The amount spent by the Welsh Government on the development and introduction of the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Act 2020 between May 2016 and 4 January 2022 was £1,650,098.

Spend has been taken to mean invoices paid for goods or services and grant claims paid. The figure provided does not include financial commitments or opportunity costs. The timeframe for this request has been understood to be from May 2016, as prior to this time there was no firm government commitment to bring forward legislation, to 4 January 2022, the date of the request.

**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,**

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.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

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

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