

**From:** [Robert Gairey](#) on behalf of [Enquiries](#)  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Response  
**Date:** 23 January 2024 08:25:22

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Dear

Thank you again for your email, in which you formally request information in regards to the cost of translation services.

When dealing with requests for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the 'Act'), Estyn's obligations include:-

1. Confirming or denying whether it holds information of the description specified in the request; and
2. Communicating the information requested to the applicant.

There are a number of exemptions under the Act that impact these obligations. Estyn is required to consider whether an exemption applies in the context of the information being released into the public domain, not just in the context of the information being released to the particular applicant that has requested the information.

If Estyn releases information in response to a Freedom of Information request, this is essentially a decision that the information can be released in response to any similar request from any member of the public.

In response to your request, here is a breakdown of translation costs over the last three financial years.

<b>Type of translation</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
Inspection reports	£7,575	£10,367	£52,498
Thematic and training	£29,785	£25,861	£22,584
Administration	£39,966	£50,595	£21,754
<b>Total</b>	<b>£77,326</b>	<b>£86,823</b>	<b>£96,836</b>

If you are not satisfied with the decision Estyn has taken regarding your request for information, you are entitled to request that we review the matter. Your request for a review should be addressed to the Feedback and Complaints Manager, and received no later than 20 working days after the date of this communication.

If you are still not satisfied, you also have a right to complain to the Information Commissioner through their website:

<https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/who-we-are/wales-office/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Email: [enquiries@ico.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@ico.gsi.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 28 December 2023 08:45

To: Enquiries <[Enquiries@estyn.gov.uk](mailto:Enquiries@estyn.gov.uk)>

Subject: 1Freedom of Information request - Translation, Interpretation and language services costs

Dear HM Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales,

I wish to make an FOI request. Please provide me with the following information for the financial years 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23.

All expenditure made by your organisation, in every facet of its operations and purview, on translation, interpretation, and language services.

Please provide the aggregated total spent by your organisation and then, if possible, please provide this broken down by particular function for which the service was carried out.

Yours faithfully,