

21 May 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

FOIA Response

Thank you for your email received on 23 April 2026. We have treated this email as an FOIA request.

You have requested from the last 3 financial year's budgeted figures (2022/23, 23/24, 24/25):

1. Climate-related posts

a) The number of posts if any (headcount, and FTE where recorded) employed with job titles that include any of the following terms:

Climate; Net Zero; Sustainability; Carbon; Emissions; Environmental Sustainability; Climate Change; Climate Action; Climate Policy; Climate Programme; Climate Project; Climate Data; Climate Reporting; Climate Adaptation; Climate Resilience; Energy and Climate; Sustainable Procurement; Green Finance; Green.

2. Cost of those posts

The total employment cost for the posts (if any) identified in Question 1, including salary and employer on-costs (e.g. pension and National Insurance), as recorded.

3. External consultants

The total amount paid during the same financial year to external consultants, companies, or contractors where the expenditure is recorded under any cost centre, project code, budget line, or purchase description that includes one or more of the following terms:

Climate; Net Zero; Sustainability; Carbon; Emissions; Environmental Sustainability; Climate Change; Climate Action; Climate Policy; Climate Programme; Climate Project; Climate Data; Climate Reporting; Climate Adaptation; Climate Resilience; Energy and Climate; Sustainable Procurement; Green Finance; Green.

This should include, but not be limited to, expenditure coded to professional services, consultancy, advisory services, or specialist support.

If you do not record expenditure in this way, please provide the closest equivalent recorded information held (for example, totals by relevant cost centre or project).

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.

Our response to your request is as follows:

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Zero.

2. Cost of those posts

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As part of Estyn's commitment to effective environmental management, we seek annual reaccreditation against the Green Dragon Environmental Standard. This process includes an external audit to assess our ongoing compliance and identify opportunities for improvement. The cost of the external audits are:

2022/2023 - £600

2023/2024 - £600

2024/2025 - £600

I hope this information is helpful to you. 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.

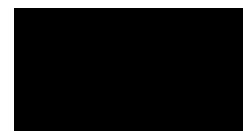
If you are still not satisfied, you also have a right to complain to the Information Commissioner through their website:

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

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Yours sincerely



FOI case officer