

Dippy the Dinosaur

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Request for Information.

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Thank you for your request received on 8 March in which you asked:

I am writing to ask for information under the Freedom of Information Act. In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible. Please provide the following information:

- 1. The assessment made before deciding to host Dippy the Dinosaur as part of the Natural History Museum's Dippy on Tour.*
- 2. The amount of money spent on assessing the suitability of the Senedd to host Dippy.*
- 3. When did the National Museum become involved in the preparations/ assessment?*
- 4. The eventual assessment and reasons for changing the venue to host Dippy to the National Museum.*

We have responded to your questions below:

1. Discussions between Natural History Museum (NHM) and Assembly Commission officials regarding hosting Dippy in the Senedd began in April 2016. Technical assessments were undertaken by NHM officials on site during early summer 2016 at no cost to the Assembly Commission.
2. No money was spent on assessing the suitability of the Senedd to host Dippy.
3. Exploratory discussions with National Museum Wales about becoming project partners - working with Assembly Commission staff on supporting materials and exhibitions - commenced in late summer 2016. Discussions between the Commission and Museum regarding relocating Dippy began in early 2018.

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4. At its meeting on 22 January 2018, the Commission reviewed the decision to host Dippy the Dinosaur in the Senedd. Commissioners wanted to ensure that it was hosted in the most appropriate venue in Wales. Commissioners agreed that officials should liaise with the National Museum of Wales to consider relocating the exhibition to ensure that the event also enabled visitors to engage with the National Museum's numerous natural history collections. The relocation was announced in April 2018 <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/press-office/press-releases/national-museum-cardiff-to-host-dippy-on-tour.html>

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Manager
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Your request has been considered according to the principles set out in the [Code of Practice on Public Access to Information](#). If you have any questions regarding this response please contact me. If you feel you have cause for complaint, please follow the guidance below.

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