

Disposable Drinking Cups and Straw

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Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 20 April in which you asked:

- 1. How many disposable drinking cups did the National Assembly for Wales purchase in each of the last five financial years? 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18*
- 2. How many disposable drinking straws did the National Assembly for Wales purchase in each of the last five financial years? 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18*
- 3. What was the cost of the purchases for each year in question one?*
- 4. What was the cost of the purchases for each year in question two?*
- 5. What measures is the National Assembly for Wales taking to reduce its use of disposable cups and straws?*

For presentation purposes we have combined questions 1 and 3 and 2 and 4. Please see the information below.

1. & 3 Number and cost of disposable drinking cups purchased by the National Assembly for Wales in the last five financial years.

Financial Year	Number Purchased	Cost
2013/14	116,150	£4,014.14
2014/15	108,250	£3,741.12
2015/16	128,300	£4,434.04
2016/17	128,050	£4,425.41
2017/18	139,050	£4,805.57
Total	619,800	£21,420.28

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2. & 4 Number and cost of disposable drinking straws purchased by the National Assembly for Wales and the cost in the last five financial years.

Financial Year	Number Purchased	Cost
2013/14	No information held	No information held
2014/15	200	£17.84
2015/16	288	£13.70
2016/17	300	£2.70
2017/18	340	£7.55
Total	1,128	£41.79

5. We are working towards replacing non-recyclable disposable cups and drinking straws completely, by September 2018.

We are working with our catering supplier to identify compostable or recyclable drinking water cups to replace the single use plastic cups used currently and will switch to these alternatives by September 2018.

We will also be carrying out awareness campaigns to encourage staff and visitors to use refillable bottles wherever possible to help to reduce the usage of water cups adjacent to water fountains in our buildings.

Our use of plastic straws is already very low and we anticipate that this is likely to continue but we will shortly be changing to paper straws.

Your request has been considered according to the principles set out in the Code of Practice on Public Access to Information. The code is published on our website at http://www.assemblywales.org/abthome/about_us-commission_assembly_administration/abt-foi/abt-foi-cop-pub.htm

If you have any questions regarding this response please contact me. If you feel you have cause for complaint, please follow the guidance at the end of this letter.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Manager
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Cause for concern or complaint with your FOI response?

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