

Refurbishment of Tŷ Hywel

14 August 2013

Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 2 August in which you asked,

Please provide a detailed breakdown of all costs incurred by the Assembly Commission for the building work and refurbishment of 1) the 2nd and 5th floors of Tŷ Hywel and 2) the 4th floor of Tŷ Hywel.

As mentioned to you when acknowledging this request, the Welsh Government who occupy part of the second and the fifth floors are also carrying out refurbishment works to their space. This is at no costs to the Assembly Commission.

An Accommodation Review of space requirements was carried out earlier this year to improve utilisation of space in Tŷ Hywel. Through re-arranging our space more effectively and bringing in to use redundant space that previously housed ICT equipment for the NHS (a legacy of the building's former use as an NHS Head Quarters) we have successfully increased our available workspace by 15 per cent. This has enabled us to co-locate teams and services who work together closely to improve efficiencies and take the opportunity to redecorate areas of the 4th floor not previously redecorated as part of our general upkeep of the building. The revised accommodation layouts will also provide flexibility for the future, in terms of standardised layouts. The associated costs of the Accommodation Review on the 2nd and 4th floors are detailed below.

Refurbishment of 2nd floor former NHS server farm to provide office accommodation for Commission Staff

Works	Costs including VAT (£)
Refurbishment works	93,735.34
Furniture	31,450.80
Carpet	3,384.00
Project Fees	5,070.00
Total	133,640.14

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Refurbishment of the 4th (A block) to provide office accommodation for Commission Staff

Works	Costs including VAT (£)
Refurbishment works	29,451.50
Furniture	142,396.75
Carpet	15,390.00
Project Fees	6,567.42
Total	193,805.67

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

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