

Petitions Committee

28 September 2017

Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 5 September in which you asked:

Under the freedom of information act, I request information of all the financial costs associated with the National Assembly for Wales Petitions Committee inquiry in to access to land and water dated from the 31st June 2007 to the 1st of May 2009 to include all legal costs, stakeholder engagement events, details of venues and dates of such events and methods of collating evidence. I request copies of all documents relating to stakeholder and petitions Committee meeting dates, venues, attendees lists and minutes.

Please find our response to your questions below.

The Petitions Committee published a report (April 2009) on [Access along inland water](#) ('the report') provides details of the meetings it held to gather evidence and engage with stakeholders.

In summary, the evidence sessions were:

- a fact-finding visit to the River Teifi on 9 February 2009; and
- a formal evidence session held in the Scottish Parliament on 2 March 2009 (with a published [verbatim](#) transcript).

i. Financial costs associated with the inquiry

The costs relating to stakeholder engagement events are captured in the table below.

Item	Location	Cost
Staff and Assembly Member travel	West Wales	£ 150.00
Staff and Assembly Member travel and subsistence	Scotland	£1,283.39
Witness travel and subsistence	Scotland	£ 193.42

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Total	£1,626.81
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There were no legal costs as legal advice was provided 'in house' by the Assembly's Legal Service.

ii. Methods of collating evidence

I would like to draw your attention to some specific information contained in the [report](#):

1. Paragraph 2 - summarises the approach to evidence gathering.
2. Paragraphs 4-23 - provide details of how evidence was gathered during the fact finding visit to the River Teifi.
3. Paragraphs 24-45 - provide details of how evidence was gathered during the formal evidence session in Scotland (with a published [verbatim](#) transcript).

iii. Committee meetings – dates, venues, attendees

A record of the fact-finding visit to the River Teifi on 9 February is provided in the report (paragraphs 4-23), as are details of venues and those that attended these meetings.

Details of the venue, attendees and minutes of the meeting held in the Scottish Parliament on 2 March 2009 [are published on the Assembly's website](#).

This, and all other written evidence gathered, is published on the Petitions Committee's [Inquiry into access along inland water](#) webpage.

In addition to the Committee's inquiry, the original petition was considered by the Petitions Committee at meetings on the following dates:

- 24 April 2008
- 25 June 2008
- 6 November 2008
- 4 December 2008
- 21 January 2009
- 2 March 2009
- 23 June 2009
- 13 July 2010

Papers, minutes and transcripts of these meetings are available through [the search function on the Assembly's website](#).

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
National Assembly for Wales**

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