

Tŷ Hywel lease

21 March 2013

Request for information

Thank you for your request received on 22 February in which you asked,

- 1. For how much longer is Tŷ Hywel leased?*
- 2. What is the annual cost of this lease?*
- 3. If the lease does extend beyond 2018, who agreed the extension?*
- 4. For what costs other than the lease is the Welsh Government responsible?*
- 5. Who is the current owner of Tŷ Hywel?*
- 6. What will be the total expenditure, since 1993, of leasing, improving, and maintaining Tŷ Hywel?*

I will answer each question individually.

1. For how much longer is Tŷ Hywel leased?

The current lease term of Tŷ Hywel is for a 25 year period from 2007 to 2032.

2. What is the annual cost of this lease?

The current annual cost of the lease is £2,300,000 plus VAT.

3. If the lease does extend beyond 2018, who agreed the extension?

The lease was renegotiated by the Assembly Commission (the corporate body of the National Assembly for Wales) in 2007. In May 2007, the Government of Wales Act 2006 came into force; and the National Assembly and Welsh Government were legally separated and the National Assembly gained powers to make laws for Wales in defined areas.

The National Assembly for Wales is the democratically elected body that represents the interests of Wales and its people, makes laws for Wales, and holds the Welsh Government to account.

4. For what costs other than the lease is the Welsh Government responsible?

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The Welsh Government is not responsible for any costs associated with Tŷ Hywel as the leasehold is held by the Assembly Commission. The Assembly Commission is responsible for the lease and running costs of Tŷ Hywel.

5. Who is the current owner of Tŷ Hywel?

The current owner of Tŷ Hywel is Crick Properties.

6. What will be the total expenditure, since 1993, of leasing, improving, and maintaining Tŷ Hywel?

£40,654,093

We do not hold any information in relation to these costs prior to 1999 which is when the National Assembly for Wales was established.

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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