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Ein cyf/Our ref: ATI000873

Eich cyf/Your ref:

27 September 2012

request-126435-9d2c42a1@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Claire Russell Griffiths,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I am writing in respect of your recent enquiry for information (ATI000873) under the provisions of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

“How much of a budget has been allocated for the Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs.) How much has the concept of HPMCZ or MCZ cost up to present day? The answer should include a breakdown of all funding to outside agencies and a breakdown of staff costs”.

CCW's budget spent on MCZ work since 2009 (the year the MCZ Project commenced and the Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009) was passed creating MCZ powers) to financial year 2011/2012 has consisted of external contracts, software costs, and payment for a facilitator at a workshop for the MCZ Technical Advisory Group as follows:

MCZ Project Support – Staff support provided through Atebion Recruitment. Expenditure = **£17,212.07**

105 EPG 08: Highly Protected Marine Reserves: Defining Damaging and Disturbing Activities. Contractor Professor Callum Roberts. Expenditure = **£7,920**

175 EPG 09: Supporting Development of Highly Protected Marine Conservation Zones. Contractors Exegesis, SeaScope and Jon Moore. Expenditure = **£24,797.70**

184 MFG 09: Marxan Software Specialist Advice, Training & Support - Contractor – Robert Smith. Expenditure = **£5,197.80**

267 MFG 10: Wales MCZ GIS reporting tool- Contractor – ExeGesis. Expenditure = **£24,292.28**

Software costs (ArcView single use license) = **£1,242.70**

Provision of external contractor to provide facilitation support at the MCZ Criteria workshop of the



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MCZ Technical Advisory Group = **£889.76**

“How many staff within CCW are involved with the HPMCZ or MCZ?”

CCW does not hold detailed records of staff costs per individual areas of work.

In terms of numbers of staff involved in MCZ work, since 2009, three members of staff have worked regularly on MCZ work, as follows:

- 1 member of staff working approximately 95% of a 4 day a week post
- 1 member of staff working approximately 50% of a 4.5 day a week post
- 1 member of staff working approximately 25% of a 4 day a week post

A number of other members of staff have been involved from time to time on a more ad hoc basis; we do not have records of exact numbers.

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We now consider that we have complied with your request. However, if you are dissatisfied with our response you are entitled to pursue this matter through our appeals and complaints procedure, a copy of which is attached

Yours sincerely



Donna Muirhead

2. Appeals and Complaints procedure

Appeals

If you are not happy with our refusal to release information and wish to appeal, you should write to Adrian Williams, Director of Planning & Resources, (Countryside Council for Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DW) who will consider your appeal (unless he was involved in the original decision to refuse information, in which case another director will consider the appeal). Explain your appeal and mention any letters you have already sent us.



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If you are still not satisfied you have a right of appeal to:

[Information Commissioner's Office](#), Wycliffe House, Water Lane

Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone: 01625545700 or e-mail: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Complaints Procedure

If you wish to make a complaint about the way your request was handled by CCW, use our formal [Complaints Procedure](#). Write to Adrian Williams, Director of Planning & Resources, (Countryside Council for Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DW). He will investigate your complaint thoroughly and reply within two weeks of receiving your letter.

If you are still not happy, write to Roger Thomas, Chief Executive (Countryside Council for Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DW). Explain your complaint and mention any letters you have already sent us.

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