**Date issued:** 15th of August 2023

**Freedom of Information Request** 146/23

We are writing in response to your Freedom of Information request. Your request has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and our Data and Information Management Policy.

**YOU ASKED US…**

**I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act**

**1)           The financial impact, i.e. total costs, bridge strikes (defined as when a motor vehicle crashes into a bridge) have on National Highways broken down by year and region for the past five years?**

**2)           The percentage of this amount that is recovered by insurance?**

**RESPONSE**

Question 1

TfW only hold this information for the Core Valley Lines (CVL) from 2020 when we took over the CVL. Please see the attached document entitled ‘Response Data 146\_23’.

Please Note:

* Some of the entries have been registered but we are still awaiting costs from Amey Infrastructure Wales (AIW) (if any). 21INC000004 is also going through the renewals process rather than self-insurance but this has been kept open as this is also going through AIW’s insurance for some of the cost.
* Further information across the entire network will be held by Network Rail.

Question 2

All of the bridges are self-insured, but if there is a known third party involved who is responsible for the damage then we will seek a recovery of our losses from the third party’s insurers.

We do not hold a percentage.

We hope this information is of use to you.

Yours sincerely,

**Transport for Wales**

**Appeal Rights**

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, please write to the Head of Freedom of Information at either Transport for Wales, 3 Llys Cdwyn, Pontypridd, CF37 4TH or freedomofinformation@tfw.wales. Your request must be submitted within 40 working days of receipt of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

The Information Commissioner (ICO) can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or you can contact the ICO through the 'Make a Complaint' section of their website on this link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

The relevant section to select will be "Official or Public Information".