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**Freedom of Information Request** 65/24

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…**

1. **Total approved budget for the offleasing of the 175's.**
2. **The total spent to date on the off-lease process of Class 175 trains to date. This should be the aggregate of any and all expenditure on the off-lease process since the start.**
3. **Lease Costs: Of the total budget, how much is attributed to rolling stock lease?**
4. **Technical support & materials: Of the total budget, how much is attributable to technical support and material costs. Please breakdown these costs into material and support.**
5. **Repair and Maintenance Costs: Of the total budget, how much is related to the maintenance, repair, and refurbishment of the trains.**
6. **Legal Costs: Any legal fees or costs incurred in relation to the off-lease process.**
7. **Transportation Costs: Are Transport for Wales drivers used to move trains between storage locations? If not, who is moving them on the network and at what cost?**
8. **Staff Costs: If not covered above, how much is related to expenses of staff involved in the off-lease process.**
9. **Other Relevant Costs: Any other costs directly related to the off-lease process of the Class 175 trains not covered by the categories above. Within this, please include the date and cost of the last refurbishment the trains went through.**

**RESPONSE**

Question 1

The redelivery budget for the Transport for Wales Rail Limited (**TfWR**) Class 175 fleet to be returned to the lessor will be in the region of £3.6m. This figure includes the contractual obligations, tooling, spares and the maintenance requirements as set out in the lease agreement.

Question 2

The redelivery process is still incurring cost as per its project plan. To date, TfWR has paid invoices to the value of circa £1.4m.

Question 3

The calculated duration for the use of the rolling stock in operational service also included the period for the redelivery works to be completed safely and in compliance with the lease.

Question 4

Specific materials for the return of the fleet to the lessor is expected to be circa £7,500 per vehicle. Other support service organisations included the required materials within their charges.

Question 5

The Class 175 vehicles have not been specifically refurbished for their return to the lessor. There were residual heavy maintenance and repair works to be completed. Specifically for the return of the rolling stock this is estimated to be circa £3.6m as stated above.

Question 6

There were no additional legal costs specifically for the redelivery of the Class 175 fleet, outside of the lease negotiations for the fleet. Contracts for the redelivery works were put in place with in-house commercial, procurement and legal departments.

Question 7

Movements of the rolling stock were provided by a combination of TfWR personnel and chosen specialist rail and road movement suppliers. It is estimated that costs for movements will be in the region of £125,000, which equates to less than £1,800 per vehicle. This cost is included within the overall redelivery budget mentioned above.

Question 8

There were no additional TfWR staff costs used for the return of the Class 175 vehicles to the lessor. TfWR used existing resources to provide overall management of the suppliers used to perform the required work and services.

Question 9

The relevant costs have been captured above.

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 Cadwyn, 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/>

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