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Investigation into Welsh Government grants to private companies

I am writing in response to your request for information below dated 28 December 2020 in which you requested information regarding investigations into Welsh Government grants to private companies, by reference to a BBC article which referred to Kancoat Limited and KUKd Limited.

For ease of reference, I have reproduced your question below and set out our corresponding response.

I'm looking for the investigative report by the Wales Audit Office into how the Welsh Government give grants to private companies. If the report didn't come to fruition then I'd like to know what the reason was, including any email correspondence on the matter by Audit General Huw Vaughan Thomas.

The Report into The Welsh Government's funding of Kancoat Ltd was published in July 2016 and is available on our website at [The Welsh Government's funding of Kancoat Ltd | Audit Wales](#)

We completed a general review, a value money study, focused on the Welsh Government's approach in managing financial support for business:

<https://www.audit.wales/publication/welsh-government-financial-support-business>

We have published other reports relevant to the topic of business finance which are available on the Audit Wales website, including:

<https://www.audit.wales/publication/welsh-governments-relationship-pinewood>

<https://www.audit.wales/publication/welsh-governments-initial-funding-circuit-wales-project>

<https://www.audit.wales/publication/welsh-governments-funding-carmarthenshire-energy-limited>

As this information is reasonably accessible to you by other means, this is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, please write to Martin Peters, Head of Law and Ethics, by email to martin.peters@audit.wales or by post to 24 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9LJ.

I must also refer you to section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act under which you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether or not your request has been dealt with in accordance with the Act. The Information Commissioner's contact details are:

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Wycliffe House

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Cheshire SK9 5AF

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You should note, however, that the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted our internal complaints procedures before dealing with such an application. Further guidance may be found on the Information Commissioner's website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Information Officer