

Information Released under Freedom of Information

Subject: Cost of translating website into Gaelic

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Summary of request:

I note that you provide a translation of your website into Gaelic. Please can you tell me how much that costs to do and what the ongoing cost of maintaining this translation is? Also, please can you share your reasons for providing this service?

Information released:

The information you requested in respect of the initial set up cost of the Met Office website translation service into Gaelic is not held by the Met Office.

The cost of maintaining the translation service, which is provided on request, is detailed as follows

December 2010 - £587 incl. VAT
September 2011 - £600 incl. VAT
February 2012 - £240 incl. VAT

One of Met Office's roles is to provide a public weather service and, for that purpose we are accountable to a group of people who represent our public and emergency responder customers. This is called the Public Weather Service Customer Group (PWSCG). The PWSCG asked the Met Office to make arrangements for translation of our forecast material into Gaelic as and when requested.

For further information, please see the following link to an archive news release relating to Gaelic forecasts on the Met Office website: <http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/news/releases/archive/2011/welsh-and-gaelic>