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Dear Llyr

Further to your Written Assembly Question, please see my response below.

**Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales):** Will the Minister outline (a) whether any external advice was sought regarding the replacement package of FPVs, (b) the recommendations made, (c) the cost of the study, and (d) the process used to determine the best value in these investigations? **WAQ78804 (e)**

**Lesley Griffiths:**

(a) During October 2013, my officials commissioned, through open and fair procurement, the services of Consultant Marine Architects to examine relative information related to the sea conditions, patrol areas, types of enforcement, monitoring and research considerations in the sea area for which Welsh Ministers have responsibility, and bring forward long term delivery solutions for Wales.

(b) The initial consultants' report recommended a phased two vessel solution with the phasing occurring over an approx. 5 year period. The phased solution would use a combination of new and old assets for enforcement tasks. It was further recommended that ancillary tasks should be provided by outsourced services. During Phase 2 of the Project, discussions took place with the Consultants where it was agreed that 2.5 vessels would be the better option as this approach would enable the Welsh Government to patrol the more challenging areas of the Welsh zone.

(c) The total cost of the Project and create the subsequent Technical Requirements Specification was £160,115.

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(d) Best value was determined by the appraisal of options using a capability index of cost, complexity, rib launch and recovery, intertidal, scientific, seakeeping, speed, habitability, rib and system (including launch & recovery) and pot hauler scores. The Index was a crude objective measure of vessel capability to perform particular tasks so engagement was also carried out with vessel masters, scientists, fishery protection officers and other operational staff for a full appraisal.

Regards  
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