



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 10068
Date: 21 January 2016

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 10068

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 22 December 2015.

Further to the disclosure under ATISN 9995, I have set out my response to each of the questions you subsequently submitted, as follows:

- 1) Confirmation of the legal authority WG relied on in order to pursue the £500 subsequent to informing you that it did not intend to do so?

I do not believe that this is a request for recorded information that would fall to be considered under the Freedom of Information Act. I understand that you have been discussing this particular query with the Government Legal Department who act on our behalf in relation to this matter. I refer you to Paul Woods' email of 13 January 2016.

- 2) Copies of the TSol/GLD invoices in respect of JR CO/965/2012 from the time when the decision was made to pursue the £500 referred to in (1).

As there are no invoices pertaining to this, the Welsh Government does not hold any information of this description. Costs were pursued in connection with case CO/318/2014. Please see our letter dated 23 November 2015 which includes disclosure of the invoices in connection with that case.

- 3) For an annual breakdown of the number of No 54 Writs of Control authorised by WG since 2005.

As you are aware, you have written to us on previous occasions seeking information about the number of No.54 Writs of Control issued as a result of WG instructions. Your previous requests were dated (i) 24 September 2015 which I replied to on 9 October 2015 (ATISN 9903), and (ii) 27 October 2015 which I replied to on 9 November 2015 (ATISN 9796).

I refused both requests as I believed the "appropriate limit" would be exceeded such that section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 did not oblige us to comply with your



request. In my letter of 9 October, I explained that if it would be helpful, we could provide the information you sought for a more limited time period. In your email of 27 October, you requested that we satisfy your request as, in your view, it would not involve a disproportionate time or expense to do so.

In both my letters I explained that it was not possible to provide the information you sought. I explained that the information was not contained in a single source and because of that I believed your requests would be very time consuming to deal with, hence my decisions to refuse your requests.

Section 14(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides that:

“Where a public authority has previously complied with a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.”

Because your request under (3) above is substantially similar to two previous requests that we have already dealt with, I consider it to be a repeat request. I am therefore refusing your request for information as summarised at (3) above, under section 14(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government’s handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government’s Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or

Email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner’s Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely