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23 March 2016

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 10285

Thank you for your request which I received on 15 March 2016 regarding new businesses within South, South West and South East Wales. Your specific request was for:

- a list of new businesses within South, South West and South East and areas that have recently set up council tax, preferably over the last 12 months

The Welsh Government does not collect data at an individual property level, we only receive figures at an amalgamated Local Authority level. As a result, our figures do not show the number of new properties set up for local taxation. This data is held by the Valuation Office Agency and Local Authorities.

It is worth noting that most businesses are rated for non-domestic rates (also known as business rates) rather than council tax. Our Business Wales website provides details on the operation of the non-domestic rates system in Wales, I have attached the link below to the relevant section which I hope you find helpful:

<http://businesswales.gov.wales/running-business/tax-corporation-tax-allowances-business-rates-vat/business-rates-relief-in-wales>

In addition, data on non-domestic rates collected by the Welsh Government is published on our StatsWales website. StatsWales is a free-to-use interactive website that allows users to view, manipulate and download data. I attach a link to the main non-domestic rates page which shows all the data relating to non-domestic rates that we collect:

<https://statswales.wales.gov.uk/Catalogue/Local-Government/Finance/Non-Domestic-Rates>

The request you sent me contains personal information about you – for example, your name and address. I will only use this personal information in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. I will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at <http://wales.gov.uk/about/foi/responses/?lang=en>).

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