



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

12 July 2016

Dear ,

ATISN Case 10518 request for information regarding private landlords

Thank you for your request which I received on 17 June 2016. You asked for:

- (i) The number of private landlords registered with Rent Smart.
- (ii) The number of private landlords that have yet to register; and this figure as a % of the total number of landlords.
- (iii) The number of private landlords in Wales.

In respect of your request in “(i)” above, information on the number of registrations and associated information, such as licences, is collected and held by Rent Smart Wales. The latest information available to the Welsh Government indicates that by mid June 2016, nearly 13,000 landlords had registered with Rent Smart Wales.

We do not have a definite figure for the number of private rented sector landlords in Wales. As such, we are unable to give precise answers to your last two questions. The Explanatory Memorandum, which was prepared at the time the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 was introduced, sets out the basis of assumptions made about the total number of landlords. A copy of the Explanatory Memorandum can be accessed via the following link: [http://www.assembly.wales/Laid%20Documents/PRI-LD9558-EM%20-%20Housing%20\(Wales\)%20Bill%20-%20EXPLANATORY%20MEMORANDUM-18112013-251741/pri-ld9558-em-e-English.pdf](http://www.assembly.wales/Laid%20Documents/PRI-LD9558-EM%20-%20Housing%20(Wales)%20Bill%20-%20EXPLANATORY%20MEMORANDUM-18112013-251741/pri-ld9558-em-e-English.pdf)



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Paragraph 7.4, page 53, refers to an estimate of between 70,000 and 130,000 private landlords in Wales”.

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,