



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

25 August 2016

Dear ,

ATISN Case 10655 request for information regarding landlord training and licence fees

Thank you for your request, which I received on 12 August, about landlord training and licence fees. You may wish to note this provision is under Part 1 of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 as opposed to the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 which was mentioned in your letter.

For ease of reference, I will respond to each part of your request in turn.

1. You asked how much revenue has been gained from landlord training day fees charged across Wales. We do not hold this information. Training is provided by accredited training providers, all of which are listed on the Rent Smart Wales web pages.
<https://www.rentsmart.gov.wales/en/training/approved-external-providers/> The Single Licensing Authority for Wales, City of Cardiff Council, which operates Rent Smart Wales on behalf of all local authorities, may be able to provide you with information for the training provided centrally.
2. You asked how much revenue has been gained from landlord licence fees charged across Wales. We do not hold this information. The Single Licensing Authority may be able to provide you with this information.
3. You asked what has been the overall cost of running landlord training days across Wales. We do not hold this information. The Single Licensing Authority may be able to provide information on the cost of running the centrally provided training days.

4. You asked how much it cost to set up and implement the administration of landlord licencing fees across Wales. The Single Licencing Authority holds this information. The Welsh Government contributed £14,300 in 2014/15 and £480,700 in 2015/16 towards the initial costs of the setting up and administration of Rent Smart Wales, which encompasses the registration and licencing of both private landlords and lettings agents.
5. You asked who is responsible for holding the money gained from the landlord training day fees and licence fees.
 - (i) Responsibility for holding the money gained from the Landlord training day fees lies with the individual accredited training providers or where the Single Licencing Authority has provided the training, the Single Licencing Authority.
 - (ii) Responsibility for holding the money gained from the licence fees lies with the Single Licencing Authority.
6. You asked who is responsible for making spending decisions regarding the revenue gained from landlord training day and licencing fees
 - (i) Spending decisions regarding the revenue gained from landlord days are the responsibility of the individual accredited training providers or where the Single Licencing Authority has provided the training, the Single Licencing Authority.
 - (ii) Spending decisions regarding the revenue gained from licencing fees are the responsibility of the Single Licencing Authority.
7. You asked is the revenue gained from landlord training days and licencing fees ring-fenced for any particular purpose. We do not know if the revenue gained from landlord training days and licencing fees is ring-fenced. The Single Licencing Authority and the accredited training providers may be able to supply this information.

As explained above, Part 1 of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 is being delivered on behalf of all local authorities by the Single Licencing Authority, City of Cardiff Council. It is better known as Rent Smart Wales, which is the brand name for the scheme. Contact details for the Single Licencing Authority are:

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Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

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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,