



Our Ref: ATISN 11357

Date: 3 July 2017

Dear ,

ATISN 11357: Freedom of Information Requests.

Thank you for your request which I received on 21 June. You asked for:

In the last 12 months recorded, how many freedom of information requests has the Welsh Government received?

In your response, please disclose how many of these responses were full disclosures, and how many requests were responded to within 20 working days?

The answers to your questions are set out below:

Requests Received: 763

Full Disclosures (All Information Provided): 357

Responded to within 20 working days: 584

Please note, the above figures are in relation to requests responded to within twenty working days. Under section 10(3) of the Freedom of Information Act, a public authority is entitled to extend the deadline for a 'reasonable' time where the authority considers a 'qualified exemption' (an exemption that is subject to a public interest test) is engaged and more time is needed to consider the public interest test.

The Act does not define what might constitute a 'reasonable' extension of time, however the Information Commissioner has stated that an authority should normally take no more than an additional twenty working days to consider the public interest, meaning that the total time spent dealing with the request should not exceed forty working days. The figures above do not include twenty one requests received within the specified time frame that were legitimately extended beyond the statutory twenty working days.

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