

From: ESNR - ERA - Rural Payments Wales
Sent: 24 January 2018 17:01
To:
Subject: FW: Request for Information - ATISN 11874

Dear ,

ATISN 11874 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request which I received on 23/12/2017. You asked for:

1. The reasons behind the Welsh Governments Interpretation of the EU rules on land with trees.
2. The financial costs saved by this interpretation.
3. The financial costs of undertaking eligibility checks on BPS 2015?
4. The amount saved/retrieved from farmers for over declaration in 2015.
5. The costs of the inspections undertaken on my holding on 2 August 2017 and 12 September 2017.

Please see below for answers

1. Welsh Governments interpretation of EU rules on land with trees are based on Commission Regulation 640/2014 (see [link](#)) and the “Guidance Document On The Land Parcel Identification System (LPIS) Under Articles 5, 9 And 10 Of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 640/2014” (as attached).



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2. Information not held. To clarify, there are no ‘savings’ associated with the application of eligibility checks.
3. The cost of administering BPS 2015 eligibility checks (including administrative and inspection checks) was £3m.
4. There were no savings made as a result of farmer over declarations in 2015. The value of over declaration is not retained by the Welsh Government.
5. The cost of the inspections undertaken on your holding on 2 August 2017 and 12 September 2017 has been calculated as £1,660.39

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Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,

Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

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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.