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3 April 2018

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 12069

Thank you for your request which I received on 8 March. You asked for information as listed below:

Could you tell me the number of new-build houses that were sold as leasehold properties under the Welsh Government's **Help to Buy** scheme for the following years:

- a) 2014-15
- b) 2015-16
- c) 2016-17

Prior to April 2017 these figures were not collated though they would have been recorded on the individual CF1 undertaking forms at the time that the Conveyancer confirms the property tenure. In order to provide you with the information that you have requested would require that 5,000 documents are manually searched. This we have calculated would take a minimum of 41 hours work at a cost of £25 per hour that would equate to £1025

This estimate will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

Consequently we are not able to provide you with the all the information you have requested. However, we can supply the data for 2017/2018.

These figures are not currently published as part of our regular statistical outputs. However information on leasehold properties purchased via Help to Buy-Wales has been collated as part of a management data collection exercise undertaken by Help to Buy – Wales Ltd and this is now available on the Statistics and Research website - <http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/ad-hoc-statistical-requests/?lang=en>

These figures show that 271 of the 1,778 properties purchased under the Welsh Government's Help to Buy Wales scheme over the period 1 April 2017 to 14 March 2018, were sold under a leasehold contract. Of these 271 leasehold properties, 134 were houses and 137 were flats/apartments.

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Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

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

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Information Commissioner's Office,
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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.



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