

29 August 2023

Dear

Thank you for your request which we received on July 31. Your request is set out below along with our response.

Can you provide the number of freedom of information requests that have been rejected on the basis of Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 over the last five years, broken down per year (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 - to date).

Year	Requests refused as exceeding appropriate limit
2019	31
2020	60
2021	46
2022	25
2023	23 (as of July 31)

Can you provide the average cost per year of rejections based on Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 over the last five years, broken down per year.

I can confirm Welsh Government does not hold recorded information of this description.

How much has the Welsh Government made from payments made under Section 9 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 over the last five years, broken down per year.

Welsh Government has issued no fees notices under Section 9 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 over the last five years and so has received no payments.

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: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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

Website: www.ico.org.uk

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the controller for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
CARDIFF
CF10 3NQ

Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at <https://gov.wales/freedom-of-information-responses>).

Yours sincerely