

Our ref: ATISN 19521 Date: 24 May 2024

Dear ,

FOI Request – ATISN 19521 – DJ – Stonewall funding – 26-04-2024

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 26 April 2024. You asked for:

1. Funds given to Stonewall over the past 5 years.

Our response

Details of funding provided to Stonewall have been released in previous responses to Freedom of Information requests and the most recent of those are published in our disclosure log at: Publication of freedom of information (FOI) responses | GOV.WALES

Please see:

FOI release 17311: Stonewall | GOV.WALES
FOI release 18602: Stonewall | GOV.WALES
FOI release 19258: Stonewall Cymru | GOV.WALES

Therefore, we are refusing this freedom of information request under Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. The reasons for applying this exemption are set out in full in Annex 1 at the end of this letter.

Next steps

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,

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

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.

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

Yours sincerely

Annex 1

Application of exemptions/exceptions

The Freedom of information Act/Environmental Information Regulations provide a right for anyone to ask a public authority to make requested information available to the wider public. As the release of requested information is to the world, not just the requester, public authorities need to consider the effects of making the information freely available to everybody. Any personal interest the requester has for accessing the information cannot override those wider considerations.

It has been decided that the following information will be withheld under Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act:

1. Funds given to Stonewall over the past 5 years.

Freedom of Information Act 2000: Section 21(1)

This Annex sets out the reasons for the engagement of section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 21 (1) states that this may be applied where the requested information is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act.

The Welsh Government believes that the information in the enclosed list should be exempt from disclosure as it is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Details of funding provided to Stonewall have been released in previous responses to Freedom of Information requests and the most recent of those are published in our disclosure log at: <u>Publication of freedom of information (FOI) responses | GOV.WALES</u>.