



Our ref: ATISN 12356  
Date: 3 July 2018

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 12356

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 30 May 2018. I apologise for the slight delay in replying.

I need to remind you that a valid FoI request requires the requester to provide their real name and if a public authority has grounds to believe the name provided is false then the authority is not required to comply with that request. You signed your request as XXXXX XXXXX, but you have since chased using the name YYYYY YYYYY. One of these names is clearly false, so we would be within our right to refuse to take the request any further forward.

However, in this case as we had the draft response almost ready to be issued, we are providing the information we hold, but any future requests should be submitted using the real name of the person requesting the information.

You asked for the following information:

*Can you please provide me with the following information under the Freedom of information Act :-*

*. Number of searches made or requested by Welsh Governments employees of properties on the Land Registry in 2018?*

To date, 399 searches have been carried out at HM Land Registry

*.Cost to the Government of making these searches ?*

The cost to the Welsh Government of making these searches is £3,811

*. List of all searches requested for address in Cardiff , ie addresses with a postcode starting CF?*

Please see note below

*. Purpose of these searches ?*

Please see note below



*. List of all searches requested by or instigated by the property division of NHS Wales .*  
This is a separate organisation to the Welsh Government, and we have no access to this information. Any request should be made to NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

*. List of all searches requests by or instigated by an employee of the Government namely William Thomas & the purpose of these searches ?*  
William Thomas does not work for the Welsh Government, and we have no access to this information.

Whilst processing your request, it has become apparent that searching for the information we hold to enable the queries you have raised at points (3) and (4) will take a substantial amount of time. The information you have requested is not located in a single report or location meaning the time it will take to locate it, retrieve it and extract it will be substantial. I have therefore concluded that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to deal with 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 it and extract it.

Information relating to searches requested for addresses in Cardiff i.e. addresses starting with a postcode CF and the purpose of these searches is stored across various files and in different departments. In order to provide you with the information you have requested, it would require me to retrieve, review and extract the information for each of the 399 searches from the Land Registry and the files against which searches have been conducted. I have estimated that this exercise will take 40 hours, based on the volume of information we hold, which is well beyond the 24 working hour threshold. Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

If you submit a further request for information on this subject matter, you may wish to consider narrowing the focus of your request to specific parcels of land. This will be treated as a new request.

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor 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
- 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

The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 745 or 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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/about/open-government/freedom-of-information/responses/?lang=en>).

Yours sincerely