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31 October 2018

Dear _____,

ATISN 12695 Council Tax Revaluation

Thank you for your request which I received on Thursday 11 October 2018. You asked us to provide:

1. The total costs to date of the 2005 Council Tax revaluation in Wales including the cost of appeals;
2. The cost of the Council Tax revaluation per head of population; and
3. The total amount of time the Council Tax revaluation process took.

Council Tax revaluation and rebanding in Wales took effect from 1 April 2005 with an Antecedent Valuation Date (AVD, the reference date for setting valuations) of 1 April 2003. The exercise revised the lower and upper limits of the original housing bands devised in 1991 in order to reflect up-to-date property values. An additional band, Band I, was also added. Wales is the only part of the UK to have revalued since Council Tax was introduced in 1993.

1. Total costs to date of the 2005 Council Tax revaluation including the cost of appeals

The Valuation Office Agency (VOA) received £5.2m in additional funding to prepare the new valuation list in 2005.

A Transitional Relief Scheme was also established to smooth changes in Council Tax liability and ensure no taxpayer moved up by more than one tax band per year. The scheme cost approximately £9.9m over 3 years (2005-06 to 2007-08).

This represents a total cost of approximately £15.1m.

With regards to the cost of appeals associated with the Council Tax revaluation, following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government.

2. Cost of the Council Tax revaluation per head of population

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government. However, to assist with this request, I have included below the published population figure for 2005.

	Wales
Mid-year 2005	2,969,309

Population figures can also be found on statwales.gov.wales:

<https://stats.wales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Population-and-Migration/Population/Estimates>

3. Total amount of time the revaluation took

The Valuation Office Agency's work formally began on the Council Tax revaluation on 26 November 2003 when the Antecedent Valuation Date Order was laid before the National Assembly for Wales. A Council Tax revaluation exercise followed, with a new valuation list taking effect from 1 April 2005. Some preparatory and follow-up work by the Valuation Office Agency and the Welsh Government would also have been necessary.

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: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

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,