



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

## E-mail request

Our ref: ATISN 14406  
Date: 26 November 2020

Dear

### ATISN 14406

Thank you for your request which I received on 9 October 2020. I have set out at Annex 1, the questions you submitted and my response against each.

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 e-mail: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto: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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://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.

Yours sincerely,



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## Annex 1

### 1. How many quangos are there in Wales?

### 2. How many members?

With regard to question 1 and 2, the information requested is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), information readily accessible to the applicant by other means. A list of Welsh Government Public Bodies can be found at the following link – information on members would be published within the respective annual reports/accounts

<https://gov.wales/register-devolved-public-bodies>

### 3. How are they chosen and by whom?

Information exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), information readily accessible to the applicant by other means. Information on Public Appointments in Wales can be found at the following link and provides further details on current vacancies - the adverts for which set out the requirements for each appointment as well as details on selection panel members.

<https://gov.wales/public-appointments>

### 4. What is the total cost?

As per question 1 and 2.

### 5. Is it still an ambition to “have a bonfire of the quangos”?

No information held. The Freedom of Information Act (2000) covers any recorded information that is held by a public authority. The Act does not cover information that is in someone’s head. If a member of the public asks for information, an authority only has to provide information already in recorded form – an authority is not required to create new information or find the answer to a question from (for example) staff who may happen to know it. I can confirm no information is held.

### 6. How many quangos were there ten years ago?

Information not held.