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Welsh Government

By Email only:

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Ein cyf/Our ref: **ATISN 14822**

Dyddiad/Date: **22 February 2021**

Dear

ATISN 14822 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request which I received on 28 January 2021. You asked for the following information :

- Under the freedom of information act I would like to know the yearly figures since the year 2013 that you have clawed back, how many times this has been contested by individual farmers and how many appeals have been successful. I would also like to know under the same act the current value in the National Reserve and information on how this reserve is used to aid farmers.

Our response

- Number of entitlements clawed back under the Basic Payment Scheme for 2015 – 2020 scheme years can be found at Annex A.
- Number of customers who have contested the clawback of their Basic Payment Scheme entitlements under Stage 1 and Stage 2 of Welsh Government's Independent Appeals Process for Rural Grants and Payments and have had their appeals upheld can be found at Annex B.
- The Current value of the National Reserve is £3.1 million (approximately).
- Information on how the National Reserve is used to aid farmers can be found in the 2020 Single Application Form Rules Booklet (page 23). A copy of which



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can be obtained at: <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-02/single-application-form-saf-2020-rules-booklet.pdf>

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,
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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 A

Year	No of entitlements
2015	1184.99
2016	725.84
2017	8308.16
2018	4332.41
2019	4196.71
2020	3568.17

Stage 1 Appeals

Year	Number of Stage 1 appeals received	Successful	Outstanding
2013	5	3	0
2014	2	2	0
2015	1	1	0
*2016	0	0	0
2017	9	1	0
2018	37	5	0
2019	11	2	1
2020	13	0	0
2021	7	0	5

* No clawback applied in 2015 (introduction of the Basic Payment Scheme) therefore no appeals in 2016.

Stage 2 Appeals

Year	Number of Stage 2 appeals received	Successful
2013	1	0
2014	0	0
2015	0	0
*2016	0	0
2017	0	0
2018	3	1
2019	0	0
2020	1	0
2021	0	0