

19-Nov-2021

Dear

**ATISN 15623**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 23-Oct-2021. You asked for:

*“Disclosure of the material relating to the Welsh Government's request to officers for a report on the available waste/recovered wood in the South Wales area. I believe this was under review in and/or about 2017 and will have been considered under the guidance of Jasper Roberts. No report has been published as far as I am aware.*

*Please ensure disclosure is made of the original terms requested for the report, copy draft reports including correspondence, emails, minutes of meetings with Ministers to give a full overview of the findings whether preliminary or final and the reasoning for non-publication to date.”*

### **Our response**

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, data on the amount of wood waste produced in Wales is regularly published within broader reports on all waste types produced by different sectors, please see links to this information below:

1. Local Authority Municipal Waste  
<https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Environment-and-Countryside/Waste-Management/Local-Authority-Municipal-Waste>
2. Industrial and Commercial Waste  
<https://naturalresources.wales/evidence-and-data/research-and-reports/waste-reports/industrial-commercial-waste-survey/?lang=en>
3. Construction and Demolition waste  
<https://naturalresources.wales/evidence-and-data/research-and-reports/waste-reports/construction-demolition-waste-survey/?lang=en> .

I have also found information, produced around the year of 2017, containing summary data on the combined quantities of wood waste produced in Wales, which I have provided in Annex 1. However, please note that some of this data has since been superseded by information in more recently published reports referenced above.

### **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, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ or Email: [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

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

### Wood Waste – Tonnage Projections (KTPA)

Sector	Actual 2014/15 (municipal only) (2012/13 for others)	2024/25 projection total including material in the residual stream	2024/25 projection total including material in the residual stream
Municipal	66	58–68	65–76
Commercial	14	21–28	39–49
Industrial	97	82–97	85–101
Construction and Demolition	113	94–110	97–113
<b>Total</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>255–303</b>	<b>286–339</b>

Wood is long established as a recyclable material. Reprocessing firms sort and remove contaminants before shredding and screening waste wood to different sizes of end product, which are then dried and bagged prior to sale. The end product is wood chip, which is screened and sized according to the required end-use<sup>7</sup>, is typically summarised as:

- chipboard factories (heavy/course material for chipboard, MDF and plywood, packaging etc);
- animal bedding (fine material);
- community playgrounds (fine material); and
- biomass power (pellets).