



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref ATISN 14966

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Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 14966

Information Requested

I wrote to you on 17 March regarding your request for information. You asked for the following information -

1. Regarding the first Sector Specific Grant in January, how many people in total applied for the grant and how many people actually received the grant.
2. How repeated claims from the Welsh Government that Wales offers the most generous support of the four nations is actually proven by the Welsh Government and what formula is used.
3. What restart grants will the Welsh Government be supplying to hospitality as the Chancellor has already announced in his budget that all retail and hospitality firms in England will receive grants to restart. (Non-essential retail up to £6000 and hospitality up to £18000 as they will open later and still have restrictions on reopening.)

Our response

I can confirm we hold information relating to your request.

1. The number of grant awards made via the Sector Specific Grant are still being finalised as administration of the scheme draws to a close. Information will be published by the Welsh Government relating to the Sector Specific Grant Scheme in due course.
2. Allocated Covid-19 grants and reliefs to businesses in Wales (approx. £2.3bn) now exceeds consequential flows from business support in England (approx. £1.8bn). In addition, on 3 March we announced a £380m package that provides eligible retail, leisure and hospitality businesses and charities in Wales with a straightforward year-long business rates holiday. 70,000 businesses will continue



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to pay no rates at all in 2021-22. The estimated £380m cost goes beyond the £358.9m consequential received from the UK Government. A pub, hotel or restaurant in Wales with ten staff would have been entitled to £45,000 in Welsh Government support to see them through from December onwards.

3. No advance information prior to the budget was provided by the HM Treasury on Restart Grants to the Welsh Government. Welsh Government officials are currently in discussion with UK Government colleagues to understand more about the detail of the proposed restart grant schemes and what consequential funding may be made available for Welsh Ministers to run a similar scheme in Wales.

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. 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.

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.

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- 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

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Yours sincerely