

By email

19 March 2021

Dear

ATISN 15001 Cost of re-naming

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 15 March 2020. You asked:

Could you please supply me with the cost of changing street and building name across Wales at the tax payers expense that the Diversity committee has proposed.

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.

You may wish to note that the Welsh Government published an audit of statues, street and building names associated with the slave trade in November 2020. [The Slave Trade and the British Empire: An Audit of Commemoration in Wales](#) provides a comprehensive list of the people who have been commemorated with statues, monuments, buildings and street names in Wales. It does not make any recommendations about what should happen to the commemorations identified, but provides a base from which further discussions can take place in local communities.

The Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee of the Welsh Parliament is carrying out a separate piece of work looking at how society determines [who should be commemorated in public spaces](#) and when individual instances of commemoration – such as statues, monuments or street names - should be removed, or changed, to reflect contemporary views. The Committee has yet to report on its findings.

It is for local authorities to make decisions about street naming.

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.

Yours sincerely