

13 January 2023

Dear

ATISN 17014 - : Bluewave Internet Ltd and Bluewave Communications Cymru Ltd.

Further to my letter of Monday 9 January 2023 I wanted to write to you to provide updated figures for both number of applications and levels of funding. While the figures I have already provided include all applications for single premises where Bluewave Internet Ltd or Bluewave Communications Cymru Ltd was the supplier they did not include figures for community schemes.

As set out in my earlier letter you asked:

1. the number of premises awarded grant funding for an internet connection under the Broadband Support Scheme and Access Broadband Cymru Scheme with either Bluewave Internet Ltd or Bluewave Communications Cymru Ltd (2010 to 2022)
2. total funding provided to Bluewave Internet Ltd or Bluewave Communications Cymru Ltd between 2010 to 2022 (in monetary terms).

For question 2, under these grant schemes, payments are not made direct to broadband suppliers but rather grant awards and payments are made direct to the resident or business that applied for grant funding under the scheme. The grant recipient then pays their preferred supplier for the service provided. We will therefore interpret this part of the request to be for the amount provided to residents or businesses where Bluewave was identified as the supplier by the applicant on the application form received.

Our response

The updated information is as follows:

- A total of 954 premises were awarded grant funding for an internet connection under the Broadband Support Scheme and Access Broadband Cymru Scheme between 2010 and 2022 where either Bluewave Internet Ltd or Bluewave Communications Cymru Ltd were identified as the supplier by the applicant on the application form received.
- Total funding of £ £786,403 was provided to residents or businesses under the Broadband Support Scheme and Access Broadband Cymru Scheme between 2010 and 2022 where Bluewave Internet Ltd or Bluewave Communications Cymru Ltd were identified as the supplier by the applicant on the application form received.

Please accept my apologies for not providing you with the full information in my previous letter.

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