

7 July 2023

Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 18580

Further to your request for information for an update to a previous request ATISN 14182 from August 2020, I can confirm we hold some of the information which you requested:

1. How many properties were purchased? Could you please provide the full list? When listing the properties, could you please break down the cost of purchase per property and provide a total cost?
2. How many were subsequently sold following the abandoning of the scheme? Could you please provide a full list, also specifying for how much each property (if any) was sold for? Could you please also provide a total sum?
3. What is the total net profit/loss on the scheme to this date? Could you also please provide any future projections, if any have been made, for this?
4. How are the properties current in the Welsh Government's possession being used? How many of these are/aren't occupied?
5. For what purpose does the Welsh Government still hold the properties?
6. What, if any, are the future plans for their use?

I can confirm we hold the information you have requested to Q1 to Q3. I have concluded, however, that it is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, information otherwise available.

The information is available at the following web link.

[Written Question - WQ86041 - Welsh Parliament \(senedd.wales\)](#)

Q2. No properties have been sold since the announcement in 2019.

Q3. No future projections have been made.

Q4. 19 properties are vacant but two have the land associated with the property tenanted and 11 properties are tenanted.

Q5 & Q6. Officials have been working with Local Authorities to consider if any of the vacant properties within the transport portfolio could be used to support the current housing crisis throughout Wales. The project is ongoing, and each property is being considered on an individual basis, if a property is considered unsuitable for this project, then officials will look to dispose of the property once declared surplus to requirement.

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CF10 3NQ or

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Yours sincerely