

27 February 2024

Dear

## **ATISN 20142**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024. You asked for:

1. The number of Empty Homes Grants that have been provided to households and a breakdown per local authority area.
2. The number of applications for the Empty Homes Grant that have been rejected and the reasons for rejection.
3. Whether there is a projected underspend against the Empty Homes Grant budget for 2023/24.

### **Our response**

1. The information provided below is as at 07 February 2024.

£5.2m of the £6m budget for 2023-24 has been committed to 228 approved cases (not yet completed) and 13 cases have completed at a value of £267k. The breakdown of completions by local authority area is as follows:

1 x Blaenau Gwent – £25k  
1 x Bridgend – £25k  
2 x Monmouth - £27k  
7 x Rhondda Cynon Taf £147k  
2 x Swansea – £43k

In addition to the 13 completions, 38 of the approved cases have received part payments of the grant at a value of £510k. A breakdown per local authority areas is as follows:

1 x Bridgend - £8k  
6 x Caerphilly - £57k  
8 x Carmarthen - £102k  
1 x Gwynedd - £16k  
1 x Anglesey - £16k  
4 x Neath Port Talbot - £49k  
14 x Rhondda Cynon Taf - £210k  
3 x Swansea - £52k

2. The information provided below is as at 07 February 2024.

There have been 509 cancellations, a breakdown of the reasons is as follows;

Property not empty for 12 months or more	272
Property not registered as Empty - C Tax	89
Property not Empty - Client moved in	9
Does not qualify under occupancy/owned criteria	8
Documentation not submitted	68
Not a domestic property	7
Other	56
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>509</b>

3. We are expecting a small underspend from the remaining Empty Homes Grant budget for 2023/24. We are unable to confirm the value until the Q4 claim has been received from Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC in 2024/25.

### 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