



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

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Dear

### **ATISN 15078 Onshore Wind Turbines.**

#### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 20 April. You asked for:

- Details of how many onshore wind turbines are currently operating in Wales and what their total capacity is in MW.
- Details of how many onshore wind turbines are at the pre application and application stage and their combined capacity.
- How much the planning application fee is for a wind farm in Wales.

#### **Our response**

The following information is routine and in the public domain:

- Details of how many onshore wind turbines are currently operating in Wales and what their total capacity is in MW.

The Welsh Government does not have a record of the number of onshore wind turbines currently operating in Wales. However, we publish the latest information on the number of windfarms in Wales and their capacity in our Energy Generation Wales Report on page 19. Please find a link to the report here:

[Energy generation in Wales: 2019 | GOV.WALES](#)

The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) monitors renewable projects and progress across the technology sectors.

Details are recorded each quarter in the Renewable Energy Planning Database, which provides an accurate as possible snapshot of renewable electricity projects in the UK.

Please find a link to the database here;

[Renewable Energy Planning Database quarterly extract - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

- Details of how many onshore wind turbines are at the pre-application and application stage and their combined capacity.

The Welsh Government does not hold details of the number of onshore wind turbines at the pre-application and application stage or details of their capacity.

Local planning authorities hold information on planning applications and pre-applications that they are responsible for.

The Planning Inspectorate gives advice about applying for a Development of National Significance (DNS) or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). A record of DNS applications can be found here:

[Register of pre-application & submitted developments of national significance Wales](#)

- How much the planning application fee is for a wind farm in Wales.

Planning fees are established in The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications and Site Visits) (Wales) Regulations 2015. Please find a link to the regulations here:

[The Town and Country Planning \(Wales\) Planning Regulations](#)

The fees were updated in a 2020 amendment to regulations, which can be found here:

[The Town and Country Planning \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020](#)

The costs for calculating the fee for wind farm developments can be found in schedule 1, part 2 of the 2015 regulations. Please find a link here: (Category Development 9 in the table)

[Scale of Fees and Category of Development](#)

If the development is classified as a Development of National Significance then the following costs apply:

[Developments of National Significance](#)

## 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