

Ein cyf/Our ref ATISN 15270

Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 15270

I wrote to you on 28 June regarding your request for information.

Information requested

You asked for a a copy of any correspondence between Welsh Government Ministers and officials and other relevant stakeholders regarding the potential backdating of COVID-19 business support to April 2021.

Our Response

I confirm that the Welsh Government does not hold any information caught by your request. You may wish to note that our generous package of financial support for Welsh businesses continued throughout April and into May. Many businesses received their full share of the funding announced in mid-March upfront to see them through until May, for others, including the hospitality and tourism sector, cash grants continued to be paid during April as applications were confirmed. Therefore businesses saw no interruption in the flow of financial support, as we moved cautiously to relax public health restrictions.

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

