

By Email only:

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Ein cyf/Our ref: ATISN 15323

Dyddiad/Date: 10 August 2021

Dear

ATISN 15323 - Request for Information.

Thank you for your request which I received on 13 July 2021. You asked for:

- How many types of appeal panels are there at the Welsh Assembly, and are these all independent?
- How many BPS and Glastir appeals have been made from 1st January 2019 to date, and how many of these, which were successful at independent panel, have been overturned by the Minister Lesley Griffiths?

Our response

The Welsh Government's Welsh Tribunals Unit (WTU) provide administration for the following:

Mental Health Review Tribunals for Wales Residential Property Tribunal for Wales Special Educational Needs Tribunal for Wales Agricultural Land Tribunal for Wales Welsh Language Tribunal Adjudication Panel Wales

All of the above are judicially independent of Welsh Government.

Under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) there is an independent Rural Grants and Payments appeals panel that makes recommendations to the relevant Minister.



Llywodraeth Cymru - Welsh Government Doc Fictoria - Victoria Dock Caernarfon Gwynedd LL55 1TH There were 31 BPS and Glastir Appeals to the Independent Appeals Panel made from 1st January 2019. The Panel recommended that one appeal be upheld, and in that case the Panel's recommendation was not accepted by the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd.

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

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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