

15 September 2021

Dear

ATISN 15503 – Monitoring of Rent Security Deposits

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 10 September. You asked for:

Copies of any documentation that relates to the monitoring of the size of tenancy deposits and rent in advance, and impact on the affordability of the private rented sector, following implementation of the Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Act 2019.

This would include - for example - research proposals, reports, ministerial advice, project initiation documents.

Our response

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government.

The intention was to monitor the impact of the Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Act 2019, including on the size of tenancy deposits, and any affect on rent payments, as part of a formal evaluation of the overall implementation of the Act. This work has been put on hold, to enable us to focus on the immediate challenges faced as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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