

6 July 2023

Dear

**ATISN 18664**

Thank you for your request which was received on 29 June 2023. You asked for the following information:

1. What methods do you use to gather the IP addresses for anyone who communicates with Welsh Government?

**We do not use any methods to actively gather IP addresses of those who communicate with us. Such information may be held by nature of the transmission (for example, IP addresses of email servers are routinely captured by the email system) and are programmatically analysed by our service providers in order to prevent spam, detect phishing, etc. but we do not collate or analyse this information for any other purpose.**

2. Provide the numbers of collected IP addresses over the past 5 years?

**This information is not held.**

3. Of the IP addresses that have been gathered how many have subsequently been blocked?

**This information is not held.**

4. What is the prime purpose of collating IP addresses?

**See response for question 1.**

5. On how many occasions in the past five years has any Member of the Senedd asked for an IP address to be blocked?

**None**

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 e-mail: [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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely