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3 August 2023

Dear ,

Request for information - ATISN 18750

Thank you for your request for information which I received on 20 July.

Your request

You asked:

- The year-on-year number of Welsh businesses that have accessed support from Business Wales since 2013.
- The year-on-year number of Welsh businesses that have accessed the Accelerated Growth Programme since its inception.
- The number of currently active small (10-49 employees), medium (50-249 employees) and large (250+ employees) enterprises whose main office address is registered in Wales.

Our Response

I can confirm that the Welsh Government holds the information you have requested.



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Welsh Government
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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding .

Business Wales and Business Wales Accelerated Growth - businesses supported year-on-year since 2013						
	01/01/13 to 31/12/13	01/01/14 to 31/12/14	01/01/15 to 31/12/15	01/01/16 to 31/12/16	01/01/17 to 31/12/17	01/01/18 to 31/12/18
Business Wales	4,702	7,538	7,644	3,430	5,184	7,004
Business Wales Accelerated Growth	0	0	220	334	495	614
	01/01/19 to 31/12/19	01/01/20 to 31/12/20	01/01/21 to 31/12/21	01/01/22 to 31/12/22	01/01/23 to 30/06/23	
Business Wales	7,145	5,989	5,974	5,651	2,479	
Business Wales Accelerated Growth	620	560	550	469	364	

To note:

- Some businesses have been supported in multiple years.
- The data is for businesses only and does not include individuals/entrepreneurs.
- The data is for all businesses supported including sole traders and micro-businesses.
- The Business Wales data includes Business Wales Accelerated Growth, Business Wales Enterprise Hubs, Business Wales Skills and Business Wales Superfast Broadband.
- The data does not include all support interventions such as the Business Wales Helpline, Business Wales Digital or Covid-19 business support as this data includes individuals/entrepreneurs.
- The Business Wales Accelerated Growth programme started in April 2015.

Unique visitors accessing the Business Wales website						
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Users	214,466	344,364	514,414	538,271	640,667	886,753
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (to date)	
Users	778,042	2,068,815	1,479,139	1,343,414	655,649	

To note - Website visitors include individuals/entrepreneurs and businesses.

Enterprises in Wales	
Employment size band	2022
Total	108,055
Small (10 to 49)	9,590
Medium-sized (50 to 249)	1,455
Large (250+)	320

Source: ONS: UK Business Counts

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: Freedomofinformation@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.

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer
Welsh Government

Cathays Park
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Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.org.uk

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at <https://gov.wales/about/open-government/freedom-of-information/responses/?lang=en>).

Yours sincerely