



Eich cyf/Your ref:
Ein cyf/Our ref: **ATISN 18764**

Dyddiad/Date: **18 August 2023**

Dear ,

ATISN 18764 - Request for Information.

I refer to letter which I received on 25 July 2023 requesting the following information regarding land as indicated on the clarification map received on 31 July 2023.

You requested the following information in respect of the land outlined on the map:

- Is the land at the former Selar opencast coal site (CF44 9UR) having any agricultural payments?
- If so who are having these payments?
- Can you confirm if Welsh Government have a tenancy agreement in place for this land?
- If there is an agreement in place did this go out to open fair tender?
- Can you confirm if the land has had any agricultural payments in the past as it's been under Celtic energy restoration and not used for agriculture.
- Can you provide information that the payment are in line with Rural payments Wales guidelines.

Our response

I can confirm that payments have been made by Rural Payments Wales (RPW) under the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) for years 2019 – 2022 on the land subject to your request. A claim under the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) has been received in 2023, however, the claim has not yet been through the validation process. Please note programs system records are only retained for a period of 10 years.



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I am unable to provide the name of the claimant as I consider this the personal information of a private person and I have been unable to obtain consent to release the information.

The land subject to your request is not owned or held under a tenancy agreement by Welsh Government.

The information you have provided will now be investigated by RPW and any undue payments will be recovered.

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