

21 February 2024

Dear

Thank you for your freedom of Information request which we received on 7 February 2024

You asked for the following information:

- 1) How much has the Welsh Government spent on private commercial solicitors to advise lease holders on building safety issues in each of the five last financial years.
- 2) How much has the Welsh Government spent in total on legal advice for building safety issues.

Our response

The information is as follows:

- 1) The Welsh Government has not spent any monies on private commercial solicitors to advise leaseholders on building safety issues in each of the five last financial years.
- 2) The total expenditure that the Welsh Government has made on legal advice for building safety issues is £80,661,77. The period covers financial years 2021 to date and is in respect of external legal advice.

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