

Freedom of Information requests

2012

Reference number: 12-005

Freedom of Information Team

National Museum of Wales

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to obtain details of the use of powers of entry by your authority under any of the relevant Acts or items of secondary legislation during the period 2008 – 2011, excluding Trading Standards investigations. I wish to obtain details of:

- how many times such powers were used in the past three years,
- the legislation they were requested under,
- the criminal offence or allegation being investigated
- the outcome of their use, if any.

I have included a table below, with example answers for the purposes of clarity.

Date of Use	Time of powers	Legislation exercised under	Offence / Allegation	Outcome
01/02/2010	8 am	X Act 2003, S 3	Animal abuse	Fine
05/04/2011	4pm	Y Act 1997, S 1	Excessive Noise	None

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, I understand I am entitled to a response within twenty working days. I would prefer to receive any data by email, but I am happy to accept information via mail.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this request as soon as possible.

Kind regards

1 March 2012

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Dear,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – *Information relating to the use of powers of entry.*

Thank you for your request for information. As Head of Knowledge and Information Management for Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales, I am responsible for responding to your request for information.

I refer to your email of the 10 February 2012, in which you asked for the following information:

- 1) *Details of the use of powers of entry by your authority under any of the relevant Acts or items of secondary legislation during the period 2008 – 2011, excluding Trading Standards investigations. I wish to obtain details of:*
 - 1.1 *How many times such powers were used in the past three years,*
 - 1.2 *The legislation they were requested under,*
 - 1.3 *The criminal offence or allegation being investigated,*
 - 1.4 *The outcome of the use, if any.*

As a National Museum, Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales does not have powers of entry; therefore we have never been in the position to use such powers.

I would advise you that Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales does not hold the information you have requested. That being the case, I would inform you, in accordance with Section 1.1(a) of the Freedom of information Act 2000, the information you seek is not held by the Museum. To the extent that the Museum is unable to provide information that fully responds to your request, I must therefore provide you with a Refusal Notice under Section

17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, because in accordance with Section 1.1 of the Act, the information you have requested is not held.

Your request was considered according to the principles set out in the National Assembly's Code of Practice on Public Access to Information (third edition). The Code is published on the Internet at www.information.wales.gov.uk.

If you believe that I have not applied the Code of Practice on Public Access to Information correctly or have not followed the relevant laws, please contact me to request a first-stage review. If, after that, you are still not satisfied you may request a formal review by the Museum. When dealing with any concerns, we will follow the principles of the National Museum of Wales' Code of Practice on Complaints, which is available on the Internet at www.nationalmuseumwales.org/en/45/ or by post to:

Mr. Robin Gwyn
Director of Communications
National Museum Wales
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NP

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. Normally, however, you should pursue the matter through our internal procedure before you complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Head of Knowledge & Information Management

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