Petition Number P-05-816

20 February 2019

Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 6 February in which you asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act I request the following information in relation to a petition lodged to the National Assembly for Wales’ Petitions Committee. The Petition is titled “Say NO to pheasant shooting on Welsh public land” and is petition number P-05-816.

The following information is requested:

1) What was the total number of signatures received?
2) What hosting site was the petition associated with? (for example, Change.org)
3) How many signatures to the petition were assigned to a Wales based address
4) How many signatures to the petition were assigned to a UK based address excluding Wales addresses
5) How many signatures were unidentifiable ie address not known / could not be ascertained.

I wish to note that I am not requesting details of individuals but am requesting the figures associated with this petition as categorised above.

Our response to your questions are as follows:

1. What was the total number of signatures received?

12,706 signatures were received.

2. What hosting site was the petition associated with? (for example, Change.org)

The petition collected signatures using the Engaging Networks e-petitioning platform, hosted on the petitioners’ own website. This was
permitted under the National Assembly for Wales petitions admissibility rules at that time. Since December 2018 only petitions which collected signatures on paper or using the Assembly's e-petitions system have been accepted.

3. **How many signatures to the petition were assigned to a Wales based address?**

1,487 signatures are attributable to a Welsh postcode.

4. **How many signatures to the petition were assigned to a UK based address excluding Wales addresses?**

10,353 signatures are attributable to a UK address outside of Wales. (857 signatures are attributable to an address outside of the UK.)

5. **How many signatures were unidentifiable i.e. address not known / could not be ascertained?**

9 signatures/addresses could not be identified in the information submitted.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Manager**

**National Assembly for Wales**
Your request has been considered according to the principles set out in the Code of Practice on Public Access to Information. If you have any questions regarding this response please contact me. If you feel you have cause for complaint, please follow the guidance below.

**Cause for concern or complaint with your FOI response?**

If you are dissatisfied with the Assembly’s handling of your request, you can request an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Manager at: Information-request@assembly.wales or in writing to The National Assembly for Wales Governance and Assurance Cardiff Bay Cardiff CF99 1NA

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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