



Crown Immunity

17 September 2021

Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 3 September in which you asked:

Please advise how many Acts of the Senedd in the last 5 years would involve the Crown enjoying immunity from the legislation.

We can confirm that we hold the requested information.

Once a Bill has been considered and passed by the Senedd and given Royal Assent by the Monarch, it becomes an 'Act of Senedd Cymru'. Acts that have received Royal Assent in the last 5 years are published on our website: <https://senedd.wales/archive/fifth-senedd-2016-2021/legislation-fifth-senedd-2016-2021/>.

The general principle, based on the legal doctrine of Crown immunity, is that an Act does not bind the Crown unless it does so expressly or by necessary implication.

Most commonly, where it is intended that an Act of Senedd Cymru should bind the Crown, it will contain a section providing that, *"This Act binds the Crown"*.

As all Acts are published on our website and at <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/browse/wales>, it is possible to carry out a search to determine which of those Acts are intended to bind the Crown.

As the requested information is already available, your request is subject to section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which exempts information that is already reasonably accessible by other means.

Yours sincerely,

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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?

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