

**P-04-599 Impact of Domestic Rating on Self Catering Accommodation –
Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Clerking Team, 07.11.14.**

Dear Kayleigh

My views on the letter from the Welsh Assembly Government

The Welsh Assembly did not make much awareness at all to the tourism industry of the consultation they did. I was not aware of this myself and I am sure many other tourism businesses were not either. It was very low key. Who did it go out to? and why do so many people not know anything about this.

Very few people in the tourism industry know about this Report by the IRRV. I only knew about this relatively recently. It seemed to be a secret in the background. This report came out in September 2013. The Welsh Assembly have agreed and know there are many issues around non domestic rating. It is over a year now since this report came out. Also a number of tourism organisations have been looking into it for over 3 years. Still nothing has been done about it.

The marketing side of this is still very interrelated with this same issue of non domestic rating. Marketing impacts greatly on the tourism industry. Ask anyone in or connected to the self catering industry and they will tell you that they are frustrated with the attitude of the Welsh Assembly marketing policy. I was at one of the so called consultation meetings in Aberystwyth and there were very few accommodation providers present and I know that myself and others were not listened to as the strategy was not changed and I am afraid that many self catering owners do feel that they are not listened to and marginalised.

Best Regards

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