



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

E-mail request

Our ref: ATISN 15905
Date: 25 January 2022

Dear

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Thank you for your request which I received on 29 December 2021. You asked for the following information:

1. Please list the identified benefits of Brexit that was enacted by H.M.'s Government & advanced by the Commons - after the majority leave vote at referendum in 2016;
2. Of the identified benefits in part '1)', specific benefits to Wales?
3. Of the identified benefits in part '1)', specific benefits in terms of the legal system and budgets? and
4. What progress has been made in initiating & facilitating Brexit in Wales?

I wrote to you on 6 January 2022 to seek clarification of parts 1-3 of your request. I asked if you could confirm whether you are seeking information held by the Welsh Government listing identified benefits of the UK's exit from the EU. I have not received any response, so I am interpreting your request on this basis.

I attach two specific documents which are relevant to the scope of your request, which are:

- A 'Discussion paper on the Brexit Premium' prepared by the Public Policy Institute for Wales in November 2016 for a meeting of the European Advisory Group; and
- The minutes of that meeting of the European Advisory Group.

More broadly, since the UK voted to leave the European Union in June 2016, the Welsh Government has issued a number of publications setting out its views on the potential impacts and implications for Wales of the UK's departure from the EU, its position on what future relationship with the EU would best serve the interests of the people of Wales, and how replacements for EU policies and programmes should be designed, beginning with 'Securing Wales Future'. These publications will include any potential opportunities which were identified, depending on the nature of the UK's future relationship with the EU. You can find the Welsh Government's EU exit-related publications here:

[EU and transition period \(Brexit\) | Sub-topic | GOV.WALES](#)

In relation to the implementation of EU exit, the Welsh Government published in November 2021 its End of Transition Action Plan. The plan set out the actions the Welsh Government took to ensure that businesses and citizens in Wales were prepared for any outcome of what at the time were still ongoing negotiations between the UK and the EU. The plan is available here: [End of Transition Action Plan 2020 | GOV.WALES](#). Information can also be found on the Preparing Wales webpages: [Preparing Wales to leave the EU | GOV.WALES](#)

In addition to information from the Welsh Government, the UK Government publishes information about the UK's departure from the EU on its website, here: [Brexit - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#). This includes information on the UK Government's proposals for post-EU regulatory reform, and its plans to review Retained EU Law (REUL), which it communicated to the Welsh Government when it made announcements on these areas. Information can be found at these links:

[Brexit opportunities: regulatory reforms - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Government launches plans to capitalise on new Brexit freedoms - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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Welsh Government
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Cardiff
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or e-mail: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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Website: www.ico.org.uk

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely