

8 December 2023

Dear

Request for information - ATISN 19284

Thank you for your request which I received on 14 November 2023.

Your Request

You asked for the following information:

- Copies of all correspondence between the office of the Minister for Climate Change (Julie James MS) her officials and Natural Resources Wales regarding a "Rural Community Impact Assessment". Dates between August 2022 and October 2023

Our Response

I can confirm that the Welsh Government does not hold the information you have requested. The Welsh Government has an email retention policy which automatically deletes emails over 12 months old from our system unless saved to the corporate records management system. Due to this, we do not hold any correspondence for the dates specified in your request, as discussions regarding the Rural Community Impact Assessment proposal took place in October 2022. This included a meeting between Welsh Government and NRW officials on 27 October 2022. We do not have a written record of the meeting as official meeting notes were not taken.

You may wish to contact NRW directly to see if they hold this information on file: acesstoinformationteam@naturalresourcewales.gov.uk

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedomofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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

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

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and email address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
CARDIFF
CF10 3NQ

Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at <https://gov.wales/about/open-government/freedom-of-information/responses/?lang=en>).

Yours sincerely