

19 January 2024

Dear

ATISN 20103 – Geo-engineering activities across Wales

Thank you for your request for the release of information, under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, which I received on 18 January. You asked for information on geo-engineering programmes including:

- a) Is the Welsh Government aware of this ongoing activity?
- b) If so, does the Welsh Government know who is paying for and undertaking it?
- c) If so, is it sponsoring or supporting these activities? And if so, why is it doing so without public consultation and democratic support?
- d) If so, what is the Welsh Government doing to regulate it and ensure public safety?
- e) If so, what chemicals are being sprayed into our atmosphere? What are the health risks associated with these chemicals?
- f) If not, why is the Welsh Government unaware of it and what does it now propose to do about it now that it is aware?

Our response

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by the Welsh Government.

The Welsh Government is not conducting geo-engineering and policy in this area is not devolved to Welsh Ministers but is reserved to UK Government. May I refer you to their policy paper '*Geo-engineering: the government's view*' which can be found at this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/geo-engineering-research-the-government-s-view>. I hope this information is helpful and offers some reassurance that the Welsh Government is not undertaking the activities you have described and as far as we are aware nobody is in the 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: Freedom.ofinformation@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,

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

Yours sincerely,