

26 January 2024

Dear

ATISN 20136

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 26 January 2024. You asked for details of, or email correspondence relating to, any legal challenges by coal companies pertaining to the Welsh Government's anti-coal policies.

Our response

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

The [Welsh Government Coal Policy Statement](#), which outlines our presumption against coal extraction, was published on 22nd March 2021, following public consultation between 1st July until 23rd September 2020. The policy has never been subject to any judicial review proceedings or other legal challenges, by coal companies or any other interested parties.

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,
SK9 5AF

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

Yours sincerely