

21 March 2025

Dear

Internal Review in respect of request for information ATISN 23259

Thank you for your e-mail, which was received by the Welsh Government on 21 February 2025, in which you requested an internal review of the response provided to your previous request for information (ATISN 23259).

In that original request for information received on 14 January 2025, you sought the following:

- 1. Did Carl Sargeant AM and or anyone acting on his behalf and or any other member or employee of the Welsh government write to and or communicate with the Prince of Wales/Duke of Cornwall to seek Prince's Consent for the Environment (Wales) Bill. I think it is likely that this correspondence and communication will contain details of the bill, which would be regarded as environmental information. If the answer is yes, can you please provide copies of this correspondence and communication.*
- 2. Did Prince the Prince of Wales/the Duke of Cornwall write to and or communicate with Carl Sargeant AM and or anyone acting on his behalf and or any other member or employee of the Welsh government about the issue of Prince's Consent for the Environment (Wales) Bill. I think it is likely that this letter will contain details of the bill which would be regarded as environmental information. If the answer is yes, can you please provide copies of this correspondence and communication.*
- 3. Did the Prince of Wales/the Duke of Cornwall write to and or communicate with Carl Sargeant AM and or anyone acting on his behalf and or any member or employee of the Welsh government to highlight concerns about particular aspects of the bill and or did the Prince of Wales/the Duke of Cornwall write to and or communicate with Carl Sargeant AM and or anyone acting on his behalf and or any member or employee of the Welsh government to seek changes to the legislation. I think it is likely that this letter will contain information which would be regarded as environmental information. If the answer is yes, can you please provide copies of this correspondence and communication.*

The response to this request, sent on 11 February 2025, set out that:

The Prince of Wales/Duke of Cornwall consent was not sought for the Environmental (Wales) Bill. No correspondence or other communications were exchanged between the Welsh Government and the Prince of Wales/Duke of Cornwall on the subject of seeking his consent for the Bill or

on the subject matter of the Bill. The consent of Her Majesty, The Queen was sought and given, and you have received copies of the letters pertaining to this request on 30 July 2021.

In your request for an internal review received on 21 February 2025, you stated “*I think it is highly likely that the public body holds information relevant to the request and I would be grateful if the reviewer (who should have had no previous involvement with the original request) could look at the request again*”.

In further correspondence from you on 21 February 2025, you requested information which had previously been disclosed to you in 2021 be resent to you (in relation to the consent of Her Majesty, The Queen). I understand that this has now been sent to you. I note that the information sent to you includes a letter dated 16 December 2015 to the Private Secretary to The Queen from the Principal Private Secretary to the First Minister, which was copied to the Principal Private Secretary to the Prince of Wales. The information also includes the response received to this letter, dated 29 January 2016 from the Assistant Private Secretary to The Queen.

Your request for an internal review has been considered in accordance with the procedure outlined in [Requesting information from the Welsh Government](#) which is available by post on request or via the internet.

This internal review has included consideration of the process undertaken to identify material relevant to your original request for information in January 2025, further consideration of our records, and discussions with officials involved in the Environment (Wales) Bill at the time. It is the case that no additional material relating to your request has been identified through the internal review.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely,