

Dear

Request for information - ATISN 26594

Thank you for your request for information which I received on 18 January.

Your Request

You asked for the following information about four roles: the Minister for the Economy, the Welsh Government's Director General for Economy, the Chair of the Development Bank of Wales, and the Chief Executive of the Development Bank of Wales.

Could you please confirm, for the relevant individual(s) in your organisation, for the calendar year 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025:

1. How many in-person visits they made to Welsh businesses (i.e. visits to a business premises to meet the business).
2. The names of the businesses visited (and the town/local authority, if held). If you're not able or willing to provide names, please provide the number of visits plus a list showing date and town/local authority for each visit, with business names redacted.
3. How many business roundtable meetings they held with Welsh businesses during 2025 (and, if held, the date and location of each, plus the number of businesses represented).

Our response

I have been informed that the Development Bank of Wales are replying to you directly, therefore this reply refers to your request regarding the Minister for the Economy and the Welsh Government's Director General for Economy.

I can confirm that we hold the information you have requested. Details of Ministerial meetings and engagements are published quarterly in arrears, available at the following link: [Ministerial meetings and engagements | GOV.WALES](#)

The Director General for Economy made three in person visits to Welsh businesses in 2025: BAE Systems in Glascoed, Irvine GQ in Bridgend and Rolls Royce Submarines Ltd, St Mellons in Cardiff.

The Director General attended three meetings with senior business representatives.

The meetings on 9 January, 27 March and 15 July 2025 were attended by the following business representatives in CP2, Cardiff:

CBI
FSB
Make UK

ICAEW
RIOD
Chambers Wales
Cwmpas

The meeting on 19 November 2025 was attended by the following business representatives in CP2:

CBI
Chambers
Cwmpas
FSB
ICAEW
Make 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
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.

Personal Information

The request you sent 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

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Yours sincerely