

14 May 2026

Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 26890

Thank you for your request for information dated 15 April. You asked for –

Details of discussions (meetings or written communications) between the Welsh Government and the Secretary of State, junior ministers, Permanent Secretary, or Directors General at DSIT about the selection of South Wales as an AI Growth Zone.

If there were meetings, please provide a full list of attendees, including the full names and titles of each attendee, as well as who each attendee represents, the date of the meeting, materials that were handed out and received during the meeting, such as presentation slides, brochures, reports, and leaflets, minutes taken during the meeting, and any accompanying briefing notes and papers

Our Response

The Welsh Government holds information related to your requested.

I can confirm that the attached letter from Rebecca Evans, the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning, was sent to the Rt Hon Peter Kyle MP, Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, on 10th February 2025.

Additionally, a Teams meeting took place on 12th May between 1:30pm and 1:45pm, involving Rebecca Evans- Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning, Michael Groves – Head of Digital Economy, Welsh Government, Feryal Clark, then Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology and Farhat Raza, Deputy Director Department for Science, Innovation and Technology AIGZ Team.

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:

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Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales.

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The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

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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