

28 May 2026

Dear

ATISN 26931

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 20 April 2026.

You asked for:

- Any documents, correspondence, briefings, or reports that include reference to the term “Death Star”.
- Any recorded information relating to theoretical, fictional, or hypothetical orbital weapons platforms capable of causing large-scale planetary destruction (for example, moon-sized artificial satellites equipped with directed-energy weapons).
- Any internal assessments, discussions, or correspondence that reference such concepts in the context of defence policy, strategic planning, risk assessment, or emerging technologies.
- For the purposes of this request, please limit the search to records created or held between 1 January 2000 and the present date.

Our response

Our search found one reference to ‘Death Star’ being discussed within a transcript of meeting that involved representatives that included both Welsh Government and the Office of Veterans Affairs (OVA). However, the comment is used as a metaphor and is not related to the context of the request for information.

It is related to an OVA led project called VALOUR which aims to improve how Veterans services are coordinated at national, regional and local levels, ensuring veterans get the right support.

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