

8 July 2026

Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 27081

Thank you for your request for information dated 10 June.

Information requested

Correspondence between the Welsh Government and the Department for Transport in the UK government relating to Transport for Wales' proposal to run a new service between west Wales/Cardiff and Bristol Temple Meads.

Including letters and emails written by both officials and politicians including the previous Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales, Ken Skates, and the recently appointed Deputy Minister for Transport, Mark Hooper.

The date range is from August 8 2025 until today (June 10 2026).

Our Response

After searching our records, I can confirm that the Welsh Government does hold some information relating to your request which has been attached.

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: 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.

Yours sincerely