

Dear

ATISN 27325 – Bovine TB Technical Advisory Group: conflicts of interest

Thank you for your request which I received on 11 August 2026. You requested information on how conflicts of interest for Bovine TB Technical Advisory Group (TAG) members are declared, recorded and managed, including whether a register of interests is maintained. You also asked for details of any conflict of interest declarations made at TAG meetings and any occasions where a member was required to withdraw, recuse themselves or have their participation restricted due to a conflict of interest.

In response to your request, members of the TAG are required to declare any relevant interests as part of the appointment process and these are recorded in their individual, signed, Terms and Conditions of appointment. The Welsh Government does not maintain a separate register of TAG members' declared interests. Further, at the beginning of each TAG meeting, the Chair asks members to declare any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest. Any conflicts raised are considered and managed by the Chair as appropriate.

The number of occasions on which TAG members have declared an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest is not routinely recorded in meeting records.

There have been no occasions during the period covered by your request when a TAG member has been required to withdraw, recuse themselves, or otherwise have their participation restricted because of a conflict of interest. Consequently, we do not hold any information relating to meeting dates, agenda items or the nature of conflicts associated with such recusals or restrictions.

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,