



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 10093
Date: 3 February 2016

Dear

Request for Information – ATISN reference 10093 and 10094

Thank you for your requests which were received by the Welsh Government on 8 January 2016.
You asked for the following information:

- to list any draft Welsh Assembly bills which have been sent to the Queen or The Prince of Wales and the purpose for which they were sent and
- to publish any communications the Welsh Government has received from The Queen or The Prince of Wales along with the answers sent.

With regard to part 1 of your request, Welsh Assembly Bills are sent to the Queen, after they are introduced into the National Assembly for Wales when necessary to fulfil a requirement under Section 111 of the Government of Wales Act and Standing Order 26.67 of the National Assembly for Wales. These provide that:

- the consent of Her Majesty the Queen and/or the Duke of Cornwall is required when a Bill, a provision of a Bill or an amendment to a Bill would affect the prerogative of the Crown or significantly affect the interests of the Crown, Duchy of Lancaster or Duchy of Cornwall; and
- the Assembly must not debate whether a Bill be passed (i.e. must not start a Stage 4 debate) until the Government has, during a meeting of the Assembly, signified that consent has been given.

The following Bills have been submitted for this purpose:

Public Audit (Wales) Bill
Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases (Wales) Bill
Agricultural Sector (Wales) Bill
Housing (Wales) Bill
Planning (Wales) Bill
Renting Homes (Wales) Bill
Historic Environment (Wales) Bill
Environment (Wales) Bill

With regard to publishing the communications part of your request I can confirm that any communications in respect of the Queen or the Prince of Wales are exempt from release under

Section 37 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), specifically, section 37 (1)(a) communications with the Sovereign and section (1) (aa) communications with the heir to, or the person who is for the time being second in line of succession to, the Throne. Section 37 is an absolute exemption and is not subject to the public interest test.

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: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

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

Business Management Team