



Ein cyf/Our ref: ATISN 9533

8 February 2016

Dear,

Request for Information – ATISN 9533

I wrote to you on 15 July, 2015 regarding your request for information. Please accept my apologies for the delay in providing you with this response.

You asked for copies of all correspondence referencing Ideoba during 1 January 2015 to 1 June 2015 between Edwina Hart AM, the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport and David Goldstone and Mick McGuire.

I confirm that we hold some information captured by your request. The information we hold is correspondence between the Office of the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport and Mick McGuire which references Ideoba. We do not hold any such information between the Minister and Mr Goldstone. There are 7 items of e-mail correspondence, and one of those items is enclosed with this letter at Appendix A.

In my letter of 15 July, I explained that I was giving consideration to the public interest test under the Section 43 (Commercial Interests) exemption of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Having given the matter further consideration, however, I have concluded that the remaining 6 items are instead exempt from disclosure under Section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, specifically:

Section 36(2)(b)(i) - inhibiting the free and frank provision of advice;

Section 36(2)(b)(ii) - inhibiting the free and frank exchange of views for the purposes of deliberation;

Section 36(2)(c) – otherwise prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs



Full reasoning for applying this exemption is given at Appendix B.

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

Deputy Director – Property