Swyddfa'r Prif Weinidog a Swyddfa'r Cabinet

Office of the First Minister and Cabinet Office



Our ref: ATISN 11496 Date: 21 September 2017

Dear,

Request for Information - ATISN reference 11429 Internal Review

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 23 August 2017. You asked for the following information:

Following the receipt of your response to my request for information (ATISN Reference 11429) dated 21 August 2017, I am writing to ask for an internal review of this decision. This request is being made because I am dissatisfied with the outcome of the public interest test that led to the decision to refuse my request for information (under the exemption in section 28 - Relations within the United Kingdom).

Following receipt of your response, I have reviewed the internal decision. I have concluded that, of the material held by the Welsh Government, the following is appropriate for release:

- 1 July 2016 Meeting papers and minutes for meeting held in MoJ
- 24 August 2016 Minutes of meeting held in MoJ
- Minutes of stakeholder meetings of 1 November 2016

but that the remainder of the material should continue to be retained because it is concerned with arrangements for future meetings, detailed discussions about internal administrative arrangements, recommendations about next steps and frank advice on policy formulation which I do not consider it to be in the public interest to disclose.

I understand however that since your response was received here, the Ministry of Justice has released to you a set of information which includes the three items of material referred to above. It follows that the material is exempt from disclosure by the Welsh Government under s.21 of the FOIA because it is reasonably accessible to you; indeed, you already have it.

If you remain dissatisfied with this response you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane



Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 745 Fax: 01625 524 510

Email: casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request, you have the option to make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales 1 Ffordd yr Hen Gae Pencoed Bridgend CF35 5LJ

Telephone: 0845 6010987 (local rate) Email: ask@ombudsman-wales.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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