



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Ein cyf/ Our Ref : ATISN 11556

9/10/17

Dear ,

Thank you for your request which I received on 13 September about the proposed new prison at Baglan. The information you requested is enclosed.

Questions 5, 7 and 8 of your request were not captured by the Freedom and Information Act. The First Minister will respond to these in correspondence.

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

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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

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1. The number of meetings (including telephone conversations/conferences) that took place between officials from your office and those of the Ministry of Justice prior to the announcement on 22nd March 2017.

First Minister Officials	Cab Sec C &C Officials	Cab Sec Econ & I Officials
None	Information not held. Officials do not log the number of meetings held, number of phone calls/conversations conducted.	None

2. The number of meetings (including telephone conversations/conferences) that have taken place between officials from your office and those of the Ministry of Justice since the announcement on 22nd March 2017.

First Minister Officials	Cab Sec C &C Officials	Cab Sec Econ & I Officials
None	Information not held. Officials do not log the number of meetings held, number of phone calls/conversations conducted.	Information not held. Officials do not log the number of meetings held, number of phone calls/conversations conducted.

3. The number of meetings (including telephone conversations/conferences) that took place between yourself and Minister(s) from the Ministry of Justice prior to the announcement on 22nd March 2017.

First Minister	Cab Sec C &C	Cab Sec Econ & Inf
None	One which took place on 21 March 2017 with Sam Gyimah MP	None

4. The number of meetings (including telephone conversations/conferences) that have taken place between yourself and Minister(s) from the Ministry of Justice following the announcement on 22nd March 2017.

First Minister	Cab Sec C &C	Cab Sec Econ & Inf
None	One which took place on 6 July 2017 with Sam Gyimah MP	None

6. When was a decision made by the Welsh Government to support the progress of the plans to build a new prison at Port Talbot.

Information not held, as we have not made that decision.

9. What commitment(s) has the Welsh Government given to the Ministry of Justice regarding the siting of a new prison on the Baglan Industrial Park site.

Information not held. No commitment has been made however two licences have been granted for ecological activity and a draft copy of the Welsh Government land options agreement has been sent to the MoJ. This essentially qualifies as the start of preliminary discussions and is routine.

10. What assessment has the Welsh Government undertaken of the community & social impact upon Port Talbot.

Information not held. Welsh Government is yet to see the full proposal hence can not make an impact assessment. The Welsh Government would expect such an analysis as part of the planning application.

11. What assessment has the Welsh Government undertaken of the economic impact upon Port Talbot.

We have viewed the information provided on the HMP Berwyn website and assessed accordingly. Sam Gyimah MP, Minister for Prisons, recently announced that he would expect the facility at Port Talbot to generate up to 500 jobs and contribute £11m a year to the regional economy. The Welsh Government would expect an economic impact analysis as part of the planning application.

12. What analysis has the Welsh Government undertaken upon the financial implications for both public & community services in Port Talbot.

Information not held. These discussions have yet to take place but we would expect a similar model to be adopted as per HMP Berwyn.

13. What financial discussions have taken place between the Welsh Government and the Ministry of Justice.

Information not held. No financial discussions have taken place.

14. What criteria and/or conditions has the Welsh Government developed for the sale & development of the land at the Baglan Industrial Park site.

Information not held however, the Welsh Government has a land sale protocol that is followed when it sells land to other public organisations.