



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

22 December 2017

Dear ,

ATISN 11827 Request for recorded information

Thank you for your letter of 4 December 2017.

As noted in my response dated 24 November 2017, the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) only provides a right to access recorded information. It does not provide a right to have questions answered. I have reviewed the questions submitted in your latest correspondence and will respond to those I believe to be a valid FOI request.

Those questions which I believe to be a valid FOI request, redrafted to show clearly what recorded information is being sought, are:

1. Confirmation of the exact date the beef and sheep benchmarking tool (Measure to Manage) was made available on the Farming Connect Website.

As confirmed in my previous response of 24 November (point 4), Measure to Manage has never been made available on the Farming Connect website. Using Measure to Manage, farm and forestry businesses involved in Farming Connect Discussion Groups are benchmarking with assistance from their local Development Officers.

2. How many Welsh beef and sheep farmers are currently using the Measure to Manage benchmarking tool.

As confirmed in the letter to you from the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs in May, 76 discussion groups from across all sectors with approximately 530 individuals' farmers are using the Measure to Manage Benchmarking tool.

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 11691 reference number.

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

Yours sincerely