

Ein cyf/Our ref ATISN 12197



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

23 March 2018

Dear ,

ATISN 12197 – Geoengineering

Thank you for your request which I received on 21 March. You asked for the following information:

1. What is the composition of homomutatus/Have these clouds been tested?
2. Has the Welsh Government consulted with the population of Wales on the matter of geoengineering of climate, or on any matter regarding spraying of chemicals from flights overflying Wales?
3. Who are the operators of these flights?
4. Has a risk assessment been conducted on the environmental and health impact of these clouds?
5. Can you supply me with any data you have concerning test samples of rain water with regard to the elemental breakdown of components in the rainwater?
6. What is the Welsh Government's position on Stratospheric Aerosol Injection and Solar Radiation Management?

To take these queries in turn:

1. What is the composition of homomutatus/Have these clouds been tested?

I have searched our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government. We have no information about such clouds.

2. Has the Welsh Government consulted with the population of Wales on the matter of geoengineering of climate, or on any matter regarding spraying of chemicals from flights overflying Wales?

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

No. We hold no information on the matter.

To explain this response further, aerospace is not a devolved matter for Welsh Government. Neither would geoengineering of climate be a devolved matter. The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, which in July 2016 took over responsibilities of the Department of Energy & Climate Change would be the UK Government department that would consider matters of geoengineering. Although I have no information that any such programme is in place or planned, you can ask them by addressing an FOI request to:

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy
Information Rights Unit
1 Victoria Street
London
SW1H 0ET

foi.requests@beis.gov.uk

3. Who are the operators of these flights?

As above, Welsh Government holds no information on any such flights, nor any such programme.

4. Has a risk assessment been conducted on the environmental and health impact of these clouds?

As above, Welsh Government holds no information on this matter.

5. Can you supply me with any data you have concerning test samples of rain water with regard to the elemental breakdown of components in the rainwater?

The information you require is not held by Welsh Government.

6. What is the Welsh Government's position on Stratospheric Aerosol Injection and Solar Radiation Management?

The information you require is not held by Welsh Government. As above, this would not be a devolved area of responsibility for Welsh Government.

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