18 September 2023

Dear

ATISN 18858 Climate Change Act 2008 - Sections 66, 67, 68 and 69

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 19 August 2023. You asked for copies of documentation relating to Welsh Minister's powers under the Climate Change Act 2008 for issuing guidance and requests to reporting authorities on the impacts of and adaptation to climate change, in particular the provisions contained within sections 66, 67, 68 and 69 in Part IV of the Act.

Our response

Concerning your first point, the Welsh Government published a policy statement and guidance in 2013 in relation to Part IV of the Climate Change in 2013. This is available to view on the Welsh Government website at the following location:

https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-04/preparing-for-a-changing-climate-policy-statement.pdf

Concerning your second and third points, there has been no application to date of Welsh Ministers' powers under sections 67, 68 and 69 of the Climate Change Act 2008 and hence the Welsh Government does not hold any relevant information on file in relation to those elements of the request.

Next steps

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: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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