

## E-mail request

Our ref: ATISN 15790 Date: 25 January 2022

Dear

## **ATISN 15790**

Thank you for your further request, which I received on 18 December 2021. You asked for the information as outlined in Annex 1.

We have conducted extensive searches based on the criteria you have provided. For questions 1, 3, 4 and 5 we have been unable to locate any information held in relation to the environment or issues which have consequences and implications for the environment (as defined by the EIRs) in relation to this meeting. This includes any follow up correspondence between 11 Feb 2008 and 11 May 2008

For question 2, we have identified the diary extract for the day in question, please see Annex 2. There is no further information available.

The policy for retention of Ministerial diaries is that a diary is archived whenever a Minister changes portfolios or leaves office, in a format that only preserves the headline details and does not retain any attachments. These files, whether electronic or paper are kept for twenty years. The ephemeral diary, which contains the attachments, is kept for a short period after the Ministerial change, and is then deleted. We would expect policy departments to keep further details, such as briefings on registered files. The standard retention period for these files is 10 years.

Therefore, in relation to question 6, the files would have been deleted in line with our normal records management policy, and no such information is held.

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 e-mail: 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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113 Website: www.ico.org.uk

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

## Annex 1

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act and via the Environmental Information Regulations.

My request concerns a meeting which took place between the Prince of Wales and the late Rhodri Morgan, the then First Minister of Wales on 11 February 2008.

The Court Circular lists the meeting has having taken place at Clarence House.

Please note that the reference to the Prince of Wales should include the Prince himself (irrespective of which of his titles he his using), his Principal Private Secretary, his Assistant Private Secretary, any other private secretary and any other member of staff in his private office and the Royal Household who is able to correspond and communicate on his behalf.

Please note that the reference to Mr Morgan in the questions below should be taken to mean Mr Morgan, any Principal Private Secretary, any other assistant(s) and private secretary and anyone in his private office able to correspond and communicate on his behalf.

Please note that the reference to written correspondence and communications in the questions below should be taken to mean all traditional forms of correspondence such as letters, faxes, telegrams, and memos. It should also include all emails irrespective of whether they were sent and or received through private or official accounts. It should also include all telephone text messages, Gmail messages and messages sent through encrypted messaging services.

Please note that in each case I am interested in receiving actual copies of any written correspondence and communications and not just extracts. So, in the case of a letter, for instance, this should include any letter heads, dates, and signatures. If you are minded to redact any information, can you identify the location of the redaction in the document provided. This way I should be able to ascertain where in the communication the redacted material occurs and the extent of any redaction.

- 1. Can you provide a full list of those present at the meeting on 11 February 2008.
- 2. Does the Welsh Government hold a copy of an appointment diary or similar which Mr Morgan [and or his private office] used at the time. Please note that I am only interested in that diary (s) which lists Mr Morgan's appointments and commitments. If the answer is yes, can you provide a copy of the entry which relates to 11 February 2018. I am interested in the entire entry for that day. This will include the aforementioned meeting as well as any other events held on that day.
- 3. Was the environment or issues which have consequences and implications for the environment (as defined by the EIRs) discussed at the meeting on 11 February 2008. Can you provide a list of green or environmental issues (as defined by the EIRs) which were discussed.
- 4. Within three months of the meeting taking place did Mr Morgan write to or communicate with the Prince of Wales about the meeting and or the specific issues

- which were discussed at the meeting. If the answer is yes, can you, please provide copies of this written correspondence and communication.
- 5. Within three months of the meeting taking place did the Prince of Wales write to or communicate with Mr Morgan about the meeting and or the specific issues which were discussed at the meeting. If the answer is yes, can you, please provide copies of this written correspondence and communication.
- 6. If information relevant to points 1 to 5 of this request has been destroyed can you please provide the following details. Please include details of information destroyed at the time and please include details of information destroyed more recently.
  - a. Can you identify exactly which information has been destroyed and why. In the case of each destroyed document can you state when it was destroyed.
  - b. In the case of each piece of destroyed correspondence and communications can you please provide details of author (s), recipient (s) and date generated.
  - c. If destroyed documentation of any kind continues to be held in another form can you please provide copies of that destroyed information.