

Dear

ATISN 16743 – Gas Reserves

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 10 October. You asked for:

1. Your plans for Wales which will address the emergency actions to be taken in the event of power stations running out of gas supplies.
2. In addition, please provide the state of the country's gas reserves at this time.

### **Our response**

A copy of the information you have requested is enclosed.

### **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](mailto: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

## Annex A

1. The UK Government is responsible for energy security across Great Britain. The context you provided with your request for information discusses the possibility of restrictions in gas supplies into the GB energy market. You may be interested in the Gas Winter Outlook published by National Grid ([Gas Winter Outlook, Review and Consultation | National Grid Gas](#)). In the event of a risk event to GB gas supplies, the UK Government, as lead responsibility for energy security, would follow the National Emergency Plan for gas and electricity. The actions are set out in the following document ([National Emergency Plan for downstream gas and electricity - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)). There is no separate Wales plan, Wales is incorporated into the UK Government plan.

The Welsh Government has arrangements for dealing with emergencies and communicating appropriately with local responders and other UK Administrations. In relation to most types of emergency situations, and in adherence to the duties set out in Civil Contingencies Act 2004, local agencies such as Police, Health Fire and Rescue Services and Local Authorities are responsible for the identification of risks in their area, developing and maintaining plans to mitigate and respond to an emergency, raising awareness and communicating with those who may be affected and co-operating with other local agencies. To complete this effectively, the agencies come together to form a Local Resilience Forum (LRF). We have four LRF in Wales, whose areas mirror the Police authority areas: South Wales, Dyfed Powys, North Wales and Gwent. The LRF is primarily responsible for the preplanning phase. In the event of an emergency, the LRF members reform and the local multi-agency response phase is co-ordinated through a Strategic Co-ordinating Group (SCG) located in the Strategic Co-ordination Centre (SCC). If an emergency situation were to occur, it would also require the Welsh Government to stand up the Emergency Co-ordination Centre (Wales) ECC(W).

2. There is no specific Wales gas reserve. Energy Security is a reserved matter and the responsibility of the UK Government. Managing the Gas network is the responsibility of National Grid. Information on gas reserves was recently published in the Gas Winter Outlook from National grid ([Gas Winter Outlook, Review and Consultation | National Grid Gas](#)).