

14/12/2022

Dear

Complaint in respect of ATISN 16816

Thank you for your email which was received on 21st November 2022 seeking an internal review of the above decision. I have been asked to investigate this matter as my role lies outside of the Energy Division within the Welsh Government where the original response was issued from.

You originally requested:

A copy of the business plan developed by Welsh Government officials to support the establishment of the public sector renewable energy developer announced on 25 October.

We responded on 21st November stating that the information requested is exempt from disclosure under section 22 (information intended for future publication) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The announcement made by the Minister for Climate Change on the 25th October 2022 regarding the creation of a state-owned renewable energy developer reiterated the commitment made in Net Zero Wales Carbon Budget 2¹. The purpose of the announcement was to give an update on the work that had progressed to date.

At this stage, no business plan has been completed. As your original request asked for a copy of the business plan developed by the Welsh Government, I have decided that our original response erred in exempting information under section 22, and should simply have stated that the information is not held.

A full business case is still being developed and has not been finalised as yet. It is our intention that this business case be published in full once it has been completed.

I have confirmed with colleagues that the full business case will be available in the first quarter of 2023. Energy policy officials are happy to discuss with you the background to this project and to identify if there is specific information that can be shared. To arrange this discussion, please contact them directly at EnergyPolicyMailbox@gov.wales

Next steps

If you remain dissatisfied with this response you also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

¹ [42949 Second All Wales Low Carbon Delivery Plan \(2021-2025\) \(gov.wales\)](#)

Tel: 01625 545 745
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request, you have the option to make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
1 Ffordd yr Hen Gae
Pencoed
Bridgend
CF35 5LJ

Telephone: 0845 6010987 (local rate)
Email: ask@ombudsman-wales.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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