11 July 2023

Dear

ATISN 18596

Thank you for your request which I received on 13 June 2023. You asked for the following:-

- 1. Information, preferably by way of plans, identifying land held by the Vale of Glamorgan Council that is subject to a statutory trust over which the Counsel General (Mick Antinow MS) is currently the Guardian; and
- 2. Names and dates of the Counsel General in post at the time, when they first became the Guardian of the relevant landholdings that are subject to a subsisting statutory trust.

Under section 87(1) of the Government of Wales Act 2006 ("GOWA"), property rights and liabilities may belong to the Counsel General (section 87(1)(c)). Property and rights acquired by or transferred to the Counsel General belong to, and liabilities incurred by the Counsel General are liabilities of, the Counsel General for the time being. Therefore, under GOWA the Counsel General can hold an interest in property, however, we would be unable to advise whether the Counsel General is the owner or has an interest in land in the Vale of Glamorgan without seeing the relevant title registers/deeds for the land in question.

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: <u>www.ico.org.uk</u>

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

Yours sincerely