

01 December 2023

Dear

ATISN 19299

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 16 November 2023. You asked for:

Conversations the Welsh Government have had with Joyce Watson, following her comments on Bovine TB in the Senedd on 14th November.

Our response

The Freedom of Information Act only provides a right of access to what is held as recorded information. Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government.

The Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales and Trefnydd's comments in response to Joyce Watson are included in the record of plenary proceedings which can be found at the following link: [Plenary 14/11/2023 - Welsh Parliament \(assembly.wales\)](#)

A Welsh Government spokesperson also released the following statement to the media in response to queries about the above exchange in the Senedd:

'Our farmers are a vital part of Welsh life, and we fully understand the impact TB has on their health, well-being, and livelihoods. Our programme for eradicating Bovine TB is centred around partnership working with our farmers and vets, this is crucial to reaching our shared goal of a TB-free Wales.'

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

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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,