

25 February 2025

Dear

Information requested ATISN 23315

Thank you for your request which I received on 28 January 2025. You asked for:

‘What correspondence has the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Huw Irranca Davies, had with members of the UK Government about changes to APR and BPR, and the effect that they will have on Welsh farms?’

Our response

The information you requested is enclosed at Annex A.

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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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

'What correspondence has the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Huw Irranca Davies, had with members of the UK Government about changes to APR and BPR, and the effect that they will have on Welsh farms?'

Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, wrote to the UK Government on 28 January raising concerns about changes to Inheritance Tax and the potential impacts on Welsh farmers.

The letter requests confirmation that the UK Government and HM Treasury (HMT), have engaged directly with Welsh farming unions. If not, it seeks support from the Minister of State for Food Security and Rural Affairs to ensure this engagement happens and HMT responds to the unions' information and analysis.

Additionally, the Deputy First Minister asks for assurances that the Minister has met personally with Welsh farming unions to understand their analysis and convey to HMT for a full response. The letter also emphasises the unique nature of Welsh farming and the need for direct engagement to better understand how the livelihoods of Welsh farming communities can be protected.