



Dear ,

ATISN 24611 – Welfare Reform

Thank you for your request which I received in two parts on 1st and 2nd April 2025. You asked for:

1. Copies of any written correspondence between the First Minister and Liz Kendall, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions in relation to the recent announcement on reform to benefits for disabled people.
2. A copy of any correspondence between the First Minister and the Chancellor and the Prime Minister's office.
3. Any documents or analysis by Welsh Government that has been done by Welsh government ministers or civil servants in relation to the welfare reforms announced by the UK Government. In particular , the impact of these reforms on disabled people in Wales and the services accessed e.g. Welsh Government hardship fund, social services, health.

Our response (to date of FOI request) :

1. The initial letter from the First Minister to the Secretary of State for Wales has been published as part of a previous FOI request (ATISN 24560) and can be found here [FOI release 24560: Welfare Reforms | GOV.WALES](#)

A copy of the response letter from the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to the First Minister be found on DWP website [Secretary of State letter to the First Minister of Wales - GOV.UK](#)

2. There has been no correspondence on this matter between the First Minister, Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

3. No analysis of the impact of the welfare reforms in Wales has been carried out by civil servants in Welsh Government or Welsh Ministers.

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