

30.01.2026

Dear [redacted],

ATISN 26563 – Renewable energy meetings with Ministers and developers, trade bodies, Community groups and residents since 01 January to present. Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 12.01.2026. You asked for:

1. A list of meetings between Welsh Ministers, specifically the First Minister, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning, and the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change with the following:
 - a. Renewable UK Cymru representatives
 - b. Renewable UK member organisations
 - c. any commercial renewable energy developersand for each meeting identified:
 - d. date and time of the meeting
 - e. list of all attendees, including any Special Advisers and professional lobbyists
 - f. location of the meeting, including digital platforms used
 - g. copy of the official minutes, briefing notes, and any follow-up actions recorded by civil servants
 - h. copy of the agenda and any presentations/documents shared by the developers or trade bodies
 - i. confirmation of a Welsh Government official present to record minutes
 - j. any lobbying disclosures and internal correspondence where Ministers declared potential conflicts of interest
2. A list of meetings between Welsh Ministers, specifically the First Minister, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning, and the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change with the following to discuss the impacts of renewable energy developments:
 - a. non-commercial community groups
 - b. local resident associations
 - c. non-profit campaign organisationsand for each meeting identified:
 - d. date and time of the meeting
 - e. names of organisations represented
 - f. copy of official minutes, briefing notes and follow up action recorded by civil servants
 - g. list of refused meeting requests or remained un-actioned, including the reason for refusal in each case

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- d. date and time of the meeting
- e. names of organisations represented
- f. copy of official minutes, briefing notes and follow up action recorded by civil servants
- g. list of refused meeting requests or remained un-actioned, including the reason for refusal in each case

3. Any internal briefings or guidance notes issued to Ministers or Special Advisers regarding the proportion of time or priority to be allocated to "community stakeholders" versus "industry stakeholders" in the context of the Welsh Government's renewable energy targets.

Our response

To answer your request for 1. D and 2. D, Ministerial meetings and engagements is publicly available information and can be found using the following link [Ministerial meetings and engagements | GOV.WALES](https://gov.wales/ministerial-meetings-and-engagements).

However, to provide the further information in your request, my preliminary assessment estimates that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

A substantial volume of the information requested is stored on our Electronic Document and Records Management System, known as iShare, and within Outlook e-mail accounts for individual officials. iShare is the corporate repository for most of the information created and received by Welsh Government Officials in the course of their duties that must be retained for business or historical purposes. Further information about iShare can be found under Section 7 of our Information and Records Management policy, which is available on the Welsh Government [website](https://gov.wales/records-management).

Documents are saved on iShare using naming conventions appropriate to the effective recording of information for our own purposes. Setting our systems in this way, and in line with our Records Management policy, enables effective delivery and will not necessarily lend themselves to being easily interrogated for generic requests for information. Where the Welsh Government believes providing such information would involve tasks that would be time consuming to deal with, in line with our obligations under the section 45 Code of Practice, we inform the requester of that fact and invite them to narrow down or re-focus their requests.

An initial iShare search yielded the below results:

Search item	Result total
Renewable Energy	516,726
Renewable UK Cymru	531
Renewable meeting	307,515
Renewable Energy meeting	298,216
Renewable Energy meeting request	146,790
Community energy meeting request	297,159

On average, we estimate it will take one minute per result to check whether it is relevant to your request and then to extract the relevant information. The time it will take to search for all the information you have asked for, and from 2024 to date, will be substantial.

Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period, or specific organisations relevant to the information required. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

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

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.

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

Yours sincerely

[Name]

[Address]

[Date]

Annwyl [applicant's name]

ATISN [insert number and then title of the request]

Y cais

Diolch i chi am eich cais a ddaeth i law ar [insert date]. Roeddech yn gofyn am yr wybodaeth ganlynol:

[Describe information requested in a way which reflects your understanding. Where ever possible, please use you own words to describe the information sought rather than just copy and paste the text provided by the requester. Please remember this letter is written for the public, so the public should be able to understand what has been asked for.]

Ein hymateb

Yn dilyn fy asesiad cychwynnol, rwy'n amcangyfrif y byddai'n costio mwy na'r terfyn addas a nodwyd yn y Rheoliadau Rhyddid Gwybodaeth a Diogelu Data (Terfyn a Ffioedd Addas) 2004 i ateb eich cais. Y terfyn addas a bennwyd ar gyfer y llywodraeth ganolog yw £600. Dyma amcangyfrif o'r hyn y byddai'n ei gostio os yw'n debygol o gymryd mwy na 24 awr i bennu a oes gennym yr wybodaeth, dod o hyd i'r wybodaeth, ei hadalw a thynnu'r rhannau perthnasol ohoi.

Er mwyn darparu'r wybodaeth rydych wedi gofyn amdani, byddai'n rhaid **[explain what searches would have to be undertaken in order to provide the information]**. Felly, rwyf wedi penderfynu peidio â darparu'r wybodaeth i chi.

Mae'n bosibl yr hoffech fireinio eich cais drwy ddatgan yn fwy penodol pa wybodaeth yr hoffech ei chael, gan gynnwys unrhyw ddyddiadau neu gyfnod amser sy'n berthnasol i'r wybodaeth. **[You may wish to provide a selection of key information held which the applicant can choose from with a timeframe]**. Os byddwch yn dewis mireinio eich cais fel hyn, bydd yn cael eu drin fel cais newydd.

Y camau nesaf

Os ydych yn anfodlon â'r modd y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi ymdrin â'ch cais, gallwch ofyn am adolygiad mewnol o fewn 40 diwrnod gwaith ar ôl dyddiad yr ateb hwn. Dylech anfon cais am adolygiad mewnol at Swyddog Rhyddid Gwybodaeth Llywodraeth Cymru drwy'r post i'r cyfeiriad canlynol:

Yr Uned Hawl i W wybodaeth
Llywodraeth Cymru
Parc Cathays

Caerdydd
CF10 3NQ

neu drwy e-bostio rhyddidgwybodaeth@llyw.cymru

Cofiwch nodi'r cyfeirnod ATISN uchod.

Mae gennych hawl hefyd i gwyno wrth y Comisiynydd Gwybodaeth. Gallwch gysylltu â'r Comisiynydd Gwybodaeth yn y cyfeiriad canlynol:

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

Fodd bynnag, dylech nodi nad yw'r Comisiynydd fel arfer yn ymchwilio i gŵyn nes ei fod wedi bod drwy ein proses adolygu mewnol ni.

Yn gywir
[Add you name, address, email and telephone number]