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Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 27157

Thank you for your request for information dated 18 June.

Your request

1.

Governance in Wales since devolution in 1998

The Welsh Development Agency (WDA) was dissolved in April 2006 with Welsh Government taking over responsibility for its functions. During consultations of the day promises were made regarding improvement to service delivery that justified the dissolution.

Identify documents where either the Welsh Government or Senedd (or its predecessor) have subsequently specifically reviewed the costs and benefits of the revised arrangement against the original objectives for organisational change and claims of benefit that would arise which justified the change in governance.

2.

Governance in Wales since devolution in 1998

The Welsh Tourist Board (WTB) was dissolved in April 2006 with Welsh Government taking over responsibility for its functions. During consultations of the day promises were made regarding improvement to service delivery that justified the dissolution.

Identify documents where either the Welsh Government or Senedd (or its predecessor) have subsequently specifically reviewed the costs and benefits of the revised arrangement against the original objectives for organisational change and claims of benefit that would arise which justified the change in governance.

3.

Governance in Wales since devolution in 1998

The National Council for Education and Training for Wales (ELWa) was dissolved in April 2006 with Welsh Government taking over responsibility for its functions. During consultations of the day promises were made regarding improvement to service delivery that justified the dissolution.

Identify documents where either the Welsh Government or Senedd (or its predecessor) have subsequently specifically reviewed the costs and benefits of the revised arrangement against the original objectives for organisational change and claims of benefit that would arise which justified the change in governance.

Our Response

After searching our records, I can confirm that the Welsh Government does not hold the specific information you have requested. There has not been a single review covering the absorption of all the various sponsored bodies, nor have there been any reviews undertaken just focussing on the absorption of any of the three bodies listed. There have been some reviews carried out on certain function absorbed, but we do not hold any copies of those reviews. Some were destroyed as a result of the

flooding of the QED building in Nantgarw some years back whilst others would have been destroyed or transferred to The National Archives in line with our records retention policy.

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: Freedomofinformation@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