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Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 27178

Thank you for your request for information dated 4 July.

Information requested

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 concerning the Welsh Government's assessment of the commercial viability of the proposed electric arc furnace at Tata Steel Port Talbot.

For the period 1 January 2023 to the date of this request, please provide:

1. Any final or substantive briefing, assessment, risk analysis or ministerial submission considering:

- the electricity price or price range required for the proposed electric arc furnace to operate competitively;
- UK industrial electricity prices relative to relevant European competitors;
- the risk that UK electricity prices could remain above those of relevant competitors after the furnace becomes operational.

2. Please confirm whether the Welsh Government received from Tata Steel or the UK Government any:

- numerical electricity-price assumption or range;
- European price-parity assumption;
- downside sensitivity or scenario concerning persistently high UK electricity prices.

If so, please provide the relevant final or substantive records.

3. Any final or substantive record of the Welsh Government raising concerns, seeking assurances, or making recommendations to Tata Steel or the UK Government concerning the effect of electricity prices on the future commercial viability or utilisation of the furnace.

For each such concern or recommendation, please provide any substantive recorded response.

I am not requesting routine correspondence, duplicate documents, meeting logistics or minor drafting exchanges.

If numerical or commercially sensitive information is withheld, please still confirm, where possible:

- whether the assumption or analysis existed;

- whether the Welsh Government received it;
- whether downside scenarios were tested;
- whether concerns were raised.

Our Response

The Welsh Government does not hold the information you have requested.

Proposals and negotiations regarding the commercial viability of the proposed electric arc furnace at Tata Steel Port Talbot were held between the company and the UK Government. Please contact the UK Government regarding the information you are seeking.

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