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Hedd Gwynfor
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Dear Mr Gwynfor,

Thank you for your email of 23 September 2009 where you requested information about correspondence between the Wales Office and Welsh Assembly Government relating to the proposed Welsh Language LCO. Your request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Department holds some information which falls within the scope of your request, but that this information may be exempt under section 35 of the Act, which covers information related to the formulation of government policy.

Public authorities are required to respond to requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) no later than 20 working days following receipt of the request. However, Section 10(3) of the FOIA allows public authorities to extend this time limit where the information held may be exempt under a qualified exemption, and they require more time to consider the balance of the public interest when deciding whether to disclose the information.

The Wales Office has not yet reached a decision on the balance of the public interest in this case. As we need additional time to fully consider where the balance of the public interest lies in relation to the information you have requested, we will not be able to respond to your request in full within 20 working days.

I hope to let you have a response by 6 November. If it is likely that I will not be able to respond by this date, I will write again and explain when I will be able to respond in full to your request.

If you are unhappy with the decision made in relation to your request, you may ask for an internal review. If you wish to do this, please write to:

Fiona Adams-James
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If you have undertaken this step and are still dissatisfied, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at the above address. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Knight
Freedom of Information Unit