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Hedd Gwynfor
Via email

Dear Mr Gwynfor

I am writing to give you a further update on our handling of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 request for correspondence between the Wales Office and Welsh Assembly Government relating to the proposed Welsh Language LCO.

I wrote to you on 21 October to say that the Wales Office held information that fell within the scope of your request but that the information could be exempt under section 35 of the Act, which covers information related to the formulation of government policy. I said in my earlier letter that we needed more time to consider the balance of the public interest when deciding whether to disclose the information.

I'm afraid that we will need to ask for more time properly to undertake this work, due to the volume of material that we have to consider. I am very sorry that we have had to request a further extension, but I hope to let you have a substantive reply by 20 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
Director
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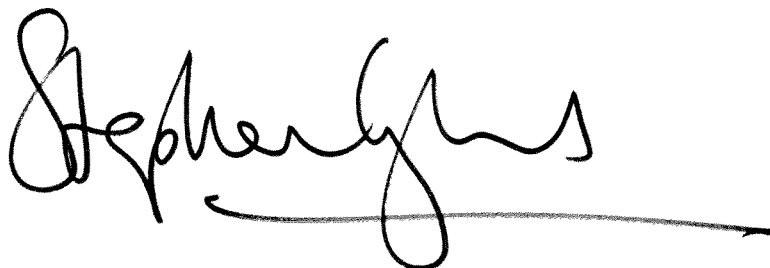
If you have undertaken this step and are still dissatisfied, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House

Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Knight'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right from the bottom of the 't'.

Stephen Knight
Freedom of Information Unit