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Dear Max Wallis

Request for Information – ATISN 10940

Thank you for your email of 24 November in which you requested information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, namely briefing or other assessments used by the Welsh Government to underpin the First Minister's support of the proposed Cardiff Tidal Lagoon, and his view that lagoons around Wales could be transformative or transformational.

I confirm that we hold information relating to your request. However, I have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information accessible to the applicant by other means.

Please see following links:

The Economic Case for a Tidal Lagoon Industry in the UK – Study by the Centre for Economic Business Research.

https://www.cebr.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/The-Economic-Case-for-a-Tidal-Lagoon-Industry-in-the-UK_final.pdf

Tidal Lagoon Power – Swansea Bay

<http://www.tidallagoonpower.com/projects/swansea-bay/opportunities-and-benefits/>

Tidal Lagoon Power – Document Library

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The reports document the findings of studies commissioned and funded by the Welsh Government. The research undertaken follows studies completed by Cardiff Business



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School and the Centre for Economic Business Research. The aims of the studies were to understand:

- the labour market requirements for the turbine manufacturing and assembly elements of the proposed Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon (SBTL) project,
- and the impact of the construction of the SBTL on the labour and skills available.

The focus of the studies was to research:

- whether there is overall capacity and capability within Wales to build a tidal lagoon in Swansea Bay. And,
- can the Welsh Government be sure that people living in Wales and Welsh business will benefit from the opportunity.

The analysis in this report applies to SBTL only as a pathfinder project for a potential new global industry. The likely demand for future lagoons was beyond the scope of the research, although commentary is provided where the numbers quoted could, in theory, be applied to similar lagoons of varying size.

The reports indicate that SBTL is in essence a relatively small scale project that will pave the way for future, much larger lagoons around the Welsh coast. As the world's first man made tidal lagoon the reports suggest that it could provide the unique opportunity for the Welsh economy to construct an entire industry that could supply not only other lagoons around the Welsh coast but also the rest of the UK and around the world. It provides the opportunity for Wales to develop a tidal lagoon supply chain and to establish Wales as a globally recognised centre of tidal lagoon excellence.

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Yours sincerely

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