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Dear Mr Wallis

Request for Information – Complaint - ATISN 10940

I wrote to you on 13 December in response to your e-mail of complaint which we received on 8 December.

I have conducted an internal review in accordance with the procedure outlined in the [Welsh Government's Practical Guide for Making Requests for Information](#) which is available by post on request, or via the internet.

I note in your original request you asked for 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.

In our response of 7 December, it was explained that the information captured by your request was otherwise reasonably available and therefore exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act. You were provided with links to a number of reports which document the findings of studies commissioned and funded by the Welsh Government. You were also provided with further explanatory information regarding those reports and studies.

I have noted your e-mail of complaint in which you state the references provided are Tidal Lagoon Power advocacy documents and that the unpublished Cardiff Business School work commissioned by the Welsh Government is not supplied, though considered relevant. You also state that the reports provided are an inadequate basis for the First Minister's statement.



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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I have reviewed the response you received. The response refers to the following report:

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

This report was commissioned by Tidal Lagoon Power. A copy of the report is also to be found on the Tidal Lagoon Power website:

http://www.tidallagoonpower.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/The-Economic-Case-for-a-Tidal-Lagoon-Industry-in-the-UK_final.pdf

In addition to these, the Welsh Government has commissioned and funded 2 studies on labour forecasting for the construction of Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon and the impact of the construction of the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon (SBTL) on the labour and skills available. Copies of both reports can be found on the Tidal Lagoon Power website:

A study to forecast the manufacturing & assembly labour requirements for the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon

<http://www.tidallagoonpower.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Final-SBTL-Manufacturing-report.pdf>

This report was prepared for the Welsh Government by Miller Research and SEMTA (Science, Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies Alliance).

A study to determine the construction labour and skills demand, supply and gaps associated with the creation of the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon

<http://www.tidallagoonpower.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Final-SBTL-Construction-report.pdf>

This report was prepared for the Welsh Government by the CITB (Construction Industry Training Board) and Whole Life Consultants Ltd.

As part of the original response, a link was provided to Tidal Lagoon Power's document library in relation to both reports. I have now included links to the specific reports within the document library, for ease of reference.

The original response may have given the impression, on the basis of the drafting of the response, that there were other, unpublished reports by Cardiff Business School, and commissioned by the Welsh Government. I can confirm that this is not the case, even though the drafting of the original response could be interpreted differently. I would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused as a result of the original draft response. I can also confirm that the Welsh Government does not hold any

unpublished internal assessments and/or briefings in relation to the proposed Cardiff Lagoon.

Accordingly, and for the reasons outlined above, I do not uphold your complaint.

I trust the above provides a clearer explanation of our position on this matter.

If you remain dissatisfied with this response you also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 745
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request, you have the option to make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
1 Ffordd yr Hen Gae
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Yours sincerely,

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