

19 April 2018



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Dear Mr Lody,

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

Thank you for your email of 19 April 2018 to the Wales Office in which you requested the following information:

**Could you please provide me with the following information in respect of the planned renaming of the Second Severn Crossing ("the crossing") to the Prince of Wales Bridge:**

**1. Whether or not financial projections were made on the cost of renaming the crossing; 2. Copies of the said financial projections if extant, showing the current expected total cost and including the underlying calculations; 3. The date on which these costs were shared with the First Minister of Wales, or his representative; 4. Copies of correspondence between your Office and the First Minister of Wales (or his representative) seeking his views on the renaming; and 5. Copies of correspondence confirming whether the initial suggestion was put forward by your Office, Clarence House, or another party.**

Your request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). We will endeavour to respond to your request within the twenty-working day deadline provided by section 10(1) of the Act and no later than 18 May 2018.

The FOIA does provide a number of exemptions. A qualified exemption requires that before relying on it we must consider the public interest test. If the information you have requested is covered by a qualified exemption(s) under the FOIA, the Department is allowed to take longer than 20 working days to respond. This is because in such circumstances we are required to consider the public interest issues when deciding whether or not to disclose the information requested.

If more time is needed to consider the public interest issues under a qualified exemption(s), we will write to you and inform you of the revised date you can expect to receive a response to your request.

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

Freedom of Information Team