



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

01 November 2018

Dear,

ATISN 12718 – Policy position on pheasant shooting

Thank you for your request which was received on 18 October 2018. You asked for the following information:

1. A copy of the policy on pheasant shooting on Welsh Government land or in Wales generally.
2. Details of how it was debated and endorsed as WG policy and when it was debated.

The answers to your questions are as follows:-

1. The Minister for Environment sent a letter to Natural Resources Wales setting out the Welsh Government's views on pheasant shooting on its estate and this letter is publicly available at <https://cdn.naturalresources.wales/media/685993/ministerial-correspondence-on-nrws-review-on-the-use-of-firearms-on-the-welsh-government-estate-9-july-2018.pdf?mode=pad&rnd=131756950900000000>
2. We have interpreted this question to you asking how was the policy position of the Welsh Government debated in the National Assembly for Wales. The Welsh Government's position on shooting on public land in Wales was raised in Plenary as a Topical Question on 26 September and the transcript can be viewed at <http://record.assembly.wales/Plenary/5352>. A further question on the subject was asked in Plenary on 3 October and the transcript can be viewed at <http://record.assembly.wales/Plenary/5354>.

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Yours sincerely,

Land, Nature and Forestry Division