



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

## Email request

Our ref: ATISN 13816

Date: 20 March 2020

Dear ,

### Request for Information – ATISN 13816

Thank you for your request which I received on 22 February 2020. You asked for the following:

*All information relating to the decision to change the May Bank holiday from 4 May 2020 to 8 May 2020.*

*I specifically want to know when the first discussions started and who instigated these discussions.*

*What work was conducted to assess the impact on businesses that this change would have and when this assessment was conducted.*

*When was it first agreed that the Bank Holiday date could be moved. Who in Westminster was notified of this decision and when.*

*What discussions were had about delaying the announcement until June and who was involved in these discussions.*

We do not hold the information you have requested.

Bank Holidays are created under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971. The power to do so is reserved to the UK Parliament. The decision to change the May Bank holiday from 4 May 2020 to 8 May 2020 was made by the UK Government.

Please find attached the information published by the House of Commons Library.

<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/parliament-and-elections/parliament/bank-holidays-how-are-they-created-and-changed/>

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Yours sincerely