

21 June 2023

Dear

ATISN 18528 – release of gamebirds

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 24 May 2023. You asked for:

1. Copies of all information held that informed the decision to request NRW to prepare and consult on an approach to regulate gamebird releases in Wales.
2. Copies of all communication by ministers on the subject of regulations on gamebird releases in Wales.

Our response

The information you requested is enclosed. This includes:

- Ministerial Advice requesting agreement for the preparation of, and consultation on, an appropriate phased approach for the release of gamebirds and associated response to Leigh Day solicitors.
- Ministerial Advice requesting a Gamebird Review extension to the timetable
- Grant Offer Letter to NRW to undertake the work.
- Relevant letters from Ministers on the subject.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire,

SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely