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Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Dear ,

26th June 2024

Request for Information – ATISN 19654

Thank you for your request for information dated 29th May 2024.

Information requested

With regard to the establishment of an independent advisory group on the future electricity grid for Wales, you asked for the following information.

- The definition of the advisory group's scope and objectives.
- What are the names of the persons who will participate in the advisory group, and how were they selected to participate?
- What is the timetable by which it will return its findings?
- What information on the group's discussions and public outreach will be published, and how this can be accessed?
- Contact information for questions to the advisory group.

Our response

The advisory group is still in its early stages and therefore the full details that you requested are not yet available. However, we have provided you with the information we currently hold below, noting that more of the information you are asking for will be published on a dedicated public web page, once it is agreed by the group.

The advisory group is currently confirming the scope and objectives in its Terms of Reference. This means that the definitions, beyond the statement that the Cabinet Secretary gave in Plenary on 17th April 2024, are not available at this time. They will be published once agreed and this is expected before the end of July 2024.

We will also publish the names of the group members in the same timeframe as the scope and objectives.

Members have been invited either due to their specific knowledge and expertise, such as academic expertise in electricity networks; or they have been nominated by key expert stakeholder organisations, for example, representative of the environmental sector, or of landowner or community interests. The group also includes members who



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can provide expertise on the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and economic impact.

The group will meet throughout 2024, aiming to have agreed draft recommendations for principles of acceptable electricity grid development in Wales for Ministers to consider at the start of 2025. These recommendations will be published.

The Welsh Government secretariat will place information about the groups' discussions and about public outreach on a dedicated webpage in the public domain, as the group compiles and approves outputs.

The contact email address for the advisory group is YmatebionYnni-EnergyResponses@gov.wales

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Yours sincerely