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Ein cyf/Our ref: ATISN 18601

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Dear Peter Ryan

Request for Information: ATISN 18601 - Coal Spoil Remediation Fund

Thank you for your request which I received on 14 June. You asked for:

- I write to ask you why the new Coal Soil Remediation Fund is being used to undertake hazard risk assessment on a sandstone quarry that closed over 150 years ago. Whilst i acknowledge that the some of the consultees suggested that other spoil tip types might be added to the regime at a later time, the white paper and subsequent law society review note that the terms of reference is for coal spoil tips and that further work will be required before any other tip types can be considered.
- I would also like to know how the application has been approved and paid, when
 the landowner information appears incorrect, and the authority have repeated failed
 to list 'how the problem was identified'.
- Please can you send me all correspondence between the coal remediation fund, your department and Neath Port Talbot Council. Please consider this as a freedom of information request.

The above has been clarified as per Clarification Letter dated 27 June.

You will receive a response by 12 July. If you have any queries about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future correspondence.

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the controller for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a



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Yours sincerely

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