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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1368
Ein cyf/Our ref JJ/03213/23

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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 28 November following the Petitions Committee's consideration of P-06-1368, in which you share the petitioner's correspondence and request answers to the questions outlined in their response.

As noted in my letter of 13 October, the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 are not due to be sunset as a result of the passing of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023. This has been recognised in the lead petitioner's letter to the Petitions Committee of 31 July.

I have read the "Report of the Freedom of Information sub-group of the pro bono Climate and Environment Project of Cardiff University's School of Law and Politics 2022/2023" with interest. There are no plans to consider amending the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 as they apply to Wales or introducing a Welsh equivalent at this time. Even so, I have passed the report onto my officials to keep on file as part of our evidence base should we reconsider this position in the future.

Please extend my thanks to the members of Cardiff University's School of Law and Politics' Freedom of Information sub-group of the pro bono Climate and Environment Project for their engagement on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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