

Dyfodol Cynaliadwy
Sustainable Futures

Cyfarwyddwr Cyffredinol • Director General



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Eich cyf/Your ref
Ein cyf/Our ref TO/AD-/00430/13

Tom Jackson
Committee Clerk
Public Accounts Committee
Cardiff Bay
Cardiff
CF99 1NA

06 June 2013

Dear Tom,

Following evidence given at the Public Accounts Committee on 16 May 2013, I am writing to provide additional information as requested.

The Committee asked for further information on two specific issues: i) a note on whether the Welsh Government was consulted by Defra in the development of model standing orders (which were issued in 2005); and ii) a note on who responded to the Welsh Government's consultation on potential reform of the Internal Drainage Boards (IDB).

With regard to the first point, the available records suggest that Defra and the Association of Drainage Authorities (ADA) developed the revised set of Model Standing Orders, which were issued to all IDB in February 2005, and then provided this for information to the Welsh Government. None of the available records suggest any consultation with the Welsh Government occurred during their development.

On the second point, Document One provides a list of all respondents to the consultation paper on the future delivery of IDB functions in Wales.

To provide two further points of clarification, I said at the committee hearing that I was not aware that we received Board minutes. In fact, I understand that the Welsh Government does receive the minutes of the Caldicot and Wentlooge IDB (CWLIDB) meetings. My apologies that I was not aware of this fact.

I have also attached a second document which is a copy of the current Standing Orders of CWLIDB approved by the former Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development, which I understand are not yet available on the CWLIDB website.

I hope that you find the information attached useful.

Yours Sincerely

Gareth Jones