

## **P-04-463 Reduction of Salt Levels in Food: Correspondence from the Petitioner to Clerking team – 18 October 2013**

Firstly I do apologise for taking such a long time to get back to you. When I got the first e-mail on August 18th 2013, the Welsh language came up first (and the only reason I knew it had something to do with my petition was the PDF attachment with the Minister's reply). I had no idea that you were expecting my thoughts on the Minister's reply until the second e-mail (which happened to arrive whilst I was on holiday in England and therefore away from my computer where I could read the Minister's reply)

I am glad that the Minister recognises that three quarters of all the salt ingested by the Welsh population is hidden, and that the Welsh Government supports the targets laid down by the Food Standards Agency but am disappointed that the Minister does not believe that anymore can be done under the current constraints of the devolution settlement. I would like to think that the Minister would take these statements and my petition on board and put forward (either in his and the Assembly Government's time or via a backbencher) whatever the term is given for a policy passed by the Assembly that is signed into law by Her Majesty (I regret that I do not know the term). Therefore, would it be possible to speak with the Minister (ideally in person when he next visits Ceredigion) and address these concerns with him?