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TITLE	Consultation on the draft Senedd Cymru (Disqualification) Order 2020
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A consultation document seeking views on the draft Senedd Cymru (Disqualification) Order 2020 has been published today on the Welsh Government website.

<https://gov.wales/the-draft-senedd-cymru-disqualification-order-2020>

Section 16 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 allows an Order in Council to designate particular offices so that, if a person holds one of those offices, they are disqualified from being a Member of the Senedd.

The draft Order would designate offices the holders of which would be disqualified from being a Member of the Senedd (but not from being a candidate to be a Member of the Senedd). The proposed offices are described in the Schedule to the draft Order.

Additional disqualifying offices, together with categories of person disqualified from being a Member of the Senedd, are prescribed by section 16 of, and Schedule 1A to, the Government of Wales Act 2006. The draft Order should be read with those provisions.

This draft Order would revoke and replace the National Assembly for Wales (Disqualification) Order 2015 with effect from an election at which the poll is held on or after 5 April 2021.

This consultation seeks views on which offices should be included in the draft Senedd Cymru (Disqualification) Order 2020. I am keen to hear the views of stakeholders and will consider these carefully before the final draft of the Order is prepared. The consultation on these proposals will run until 1 September 2020. Details of how to respond are set out in the consultation document.

Following consideration of the responses, the draft Order will be brought forward for the Senedd's approval before formal submission to Her Majesty in Council.