

## SCECLB39 Individual

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Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

Y Pwyllgor Biliau Diwygio | Reform Bill Committee

Bil Senedd Cymru (Rhestrau Ymgeiswyr Etholiadol) | Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill

Ymateb gan Unigolyn | Evidence from Individual

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**What are your views on the general principles of the Bill and the need for legislation to deliver the Welsh Government's stated policy objective (to make the Senedd a more effective legislature by ensuring it is broadly representative of the gender make-up of the population)?**

I believe this is wrong. I think rather than ensure for equality in outcome, we'd be much better to invest in uplift of women into politics. I can appreciate the symbolic arguments of representation but I take issue with this quantitative approach. It ignores intersectionality and has issues in its divisive and binary approach to gender. Wouldn't it be better to either have a broader range of diversity in politics via universally uplifting disadvantaged groups. This also forgets the special relationship in British politics of constituent to their representative. This is often a far more personal relationship than it is with the party. I think this is threatened by the policy.

**What are your views on the system of enforcement and potential sanctions for non-compliance proposed in the Bill?**

**Are there any potential barriers to the implementation of the Bill's provisions? If so, what are they, and are they adequately taken into account in the Bill and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment?**

**Are any unintended consequences likely to arise from the Bill?**

**What are your views on the Welsh Government's assessment of the financial and other impacts of the Bill?**

**What are your views on the balance between the information contained on the face of the Bill and what is left to subordinate legislation? Are the powers for Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation appropriate?**

**Do you have any views on matters relating to the legislative competence of the Senedd including compatibility with the European Convention on Human Rights?**

**Do you have any views on matters related to the quality of the legislation, or to the constitutional or other implications of the Bill?**

**Are there any other issues that you would like to raise about the Bill and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum or any related matters?**

**Anything else?**