

SCECLB145 Donna McCarthy

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 Donna McCarthy | Evidence from Donna McCarthy

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)?

You state gender make up as opposed to biological sex. I am opposed to the wording which would allow self id and therefore break the protected characteristic of biological sex with regards to women.

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

N/a

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?

Biological sex not gender needs to be the wording. Woman is for biological not gender.

Are any unintended consequences likely to arise from the Bill?

Erosion of eomens rights, spaces, jobs and representation.

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

Waste of money. Use ot for women's spaces and to aid women now. Biological women.

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?

No.

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

As they are unable to define woman then yes I believe they would not be competent.

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

Wording is intentionally not clear on biological sex with the definition of what a woman is.

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

This is another backdoor assault on biological women's rights to representation and spaces.

Anything else?

Stop ignoring the law and allowing self id and non biological women to take women's representation.