

SCECLB162 Individual

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

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)?

How can you reflect the gender make up when gender is a subjective thing. Some publications state there are many different genders and some people do not have a gender. So how can you possibly legislate for that.

Unless of course you mean sex, which is binary and you wish to aim for a 50/50 man/woman balance like the general population.

Please be clear and state what you mean and refer to sex if that is what you mean.

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

This is ridiculous. It should be by basis of sex identified at birth.

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?

You do not have legislative competence to do this.

Are any unintended consequences likely to arise from the Bill?

This will impact UK legislation, including the Equality Act.

You have failed in your public sector equality duty to consider the impact on the characteristic of sex and by extension women who will be adversely affected by this.

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

You will be incurring legal costs if challenged. It is a waste of money that the citizen of Wales do not want.

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?

They do not have legislative competence

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

The Senedd does not have legislative competence

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

It conflicts with The Equality Act

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?