

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 Angela Evans | Evidence from Angela Evans

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)?

There needs to be a thick black line drawn between biological sex and chosen gender. To ask for gender only would be misrepresentative of the population ie a man could give his chosen gender as female and vice versa. This is confusing and would create confusion. The general population needs to see clear boundaries on this from the Senedd, politics is confusing & divisive enough these days.

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

Without a check system in place it opens itself to corruption and abuse allowing anyone to claim chosen gender over the biological sex they were born with and would ultimately not meet with the overall aim of the Bill. There is no need for this Bill. It doesn't operate anywhere else within parliaments across the UK and I am very suspicious of why the Welsh Senedd are proposing it.

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?

The barriers are that men can claim to be of female gender and if elected the 50/50 representation of the Senedd would ultimately be skewed which would go completely against the whole ethos of the Bill. If the Senedd want a 50/50 male/female representation why not specify biological sex instead of chosen gender which would give a more factual, accurate and less confusing outcome?

Are any unintended consequences likely to arise from the Bill?

Undoubtedly yes. If implemented an unequal representation of biological male/female because of the use of the criteria 'chosen gender'. Confusion and division among the general population in particular with gender critical biological females. This issue hasn't even been debated in the Senedd. Every time Laura Ann Jones AS brings up the subject for further debate she is always shouted down.

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

A waste of money when there are so many other important services crying out for public money - NHS, education, dentists, transport in rural areas etc etc. these are the things the general population need more than some confusing and devious 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?

The balance is obviously (to me) in favour of men or rather men claiming to be women and this is simply not acceptable to biological women. We have all witnessed the appalling and aggressive behaviour of trans activists outside the RCGP headquarters in London trying to stop medical professionals from conducting a gender critical conference. This should be a red flag to the pursuit of this Bill.

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 ECHR upholds the rights of all and should be left as such. What the Senedd appears to be doing is extending the rights of 0.5% of the population (transgender) by diminishing the rights of 51% (biological females)

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

I believe it is a way of getting more biological men who can simply claim to be of female gender with no checks or safeguards in place elected to the Senedd and therefore not in the interests of biological women. It's the beginning of getting the GRR Bill through a back door without due debate.

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

There needs to be a vigorous, open and thorough debate in the Senedd about all the issues surrounding the current transsexual explosion currently taking place across the UK with particular notice given to what happened in Scotland earlier this year. Biological women's rights are being threatened and the Bill would further this. Chosen gender and biological sex are two separate things and need to be kept absolutely separate. Women do not want the likes of those demonstrating outside the RCGP headquarters legally allowed into their sex segregated areas and if the Senedd continues down this path it will see the results at the next general election.

Anything else?

Do the job you were elected to do. Debate. Debate. Debate. Represent everyone equally and afford every group in society the same rights of privacy, safety and inclusion but not at the expense of one group or another.