

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 R. Samuel | Evidence from R. Samuel

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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 approve of the notion of a Senedd representative of the sexual make-up, not the 'gender' make-up, of the population.

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

no comment

**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?**

Yes -- if the notion of 'gender' is applied, it means that males can self-ID as women, which totally defeats the purpose of the Bill..

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

See above.

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

No comment

**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 comment

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

My comments above are relevant. Please pay attention to women's 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?**

See above.

**Anything else?**

Self-ID ignores the rights of women.