

SCECLB415 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)?

The Llywdd has stated that the bill is not legally clear

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

Taking someone's statement that they are a woman at face value means that men can self identify as women. Self id is not UK law or govt policy. It is contrary to the Equality Act 2010 and will be open to abuse by men. Allowing self id will damage the reputation of Wales as it did in Scotland.

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?

It would be legally flawed, open to abuse and cause reputational damage

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

Legal challenges will drain finances

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?

It is not required

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

It does not remove barriers to women being elected and is open to abuse by men

Anything else?