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SCME157 Ymateb gan: | Response from: **Wendy Fisher**

I have read through the information on this that you have published and I feel that this is not the time for such wide sweeping changes.

In a time when so many are struggling with the additional costs of living it seems foolish to proceed with what will be a very expensive change, for no apparent advantage to the electorate.

The increase in numbers of AMs will have so many additional costs - not just the additional salaries and expenses for the extra Members but the additional salary costs for their staff and the proposed additional 2 Ministers and their departments, especially as you currently have a very large budget deficit. The Senedd currently has 60 members representing approximately 3.1 million people, that is one AM per approx 52000 people, additional members do not mean that the population would be better served.

The money that this will cost would be far better spent on resolving some of the NHS problems countrywide enabling the people who are waiting for treatment to receive it rather than being on long waiting lists, or stuck waiting in an ambulance as there is no room in A&E to be seen.

The long term health of the Welsh population is more important and needs to be addressed urgently.

This is not a comment on any possible Westminster/Cardiff agreements or disagreements, I am not commenting on this from a political viewpoint but from a commonsense approach. On this subject you should be looking purely at the benefit, or otherwise, to the people who elect you, and have to pay for the cost of the changes through their taxes.

Kind regards
Wendy Fisher

