

SCECLB337 Bridget Palmer

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Y Pwyllgor Biliau Diwygio | Reform Bill Committee

Bil Senedd Cymru (Rhestrau Ymgeiswyr Etholiadol) | Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill

Ymateb gan Bridget Palmer | Evidence from Bridget Palmer

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)?

Through a long working life I have seen the value of a balanced ie representative work force. Especially when working with young people. How would a young woman know what she can aspire to, if she cannot see her sex represented at all levels, in all work places.

As important how can any legislation speak for all citizens if women are contributing.

As we still work, do most of the caring and housework, I do know young men are more engaged in care, use public transport, receive lower wages, we have to have a fair voice.

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

This is harder for me to comment on, but again if a party fails to comply then action, of some kind is vital.

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?

Yes, men will be very annoyed.

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

Again, as it is a vital change, cost is nit really relevant.

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?

Sorry not able to add any experience on this.

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

If not representative the Senedd might fail to support this legislation. Sadly if you dont feel it, people often do not care.

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 am assuming it is necessary, that equal representation is not working.

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

Some anxiety that welsh language lobby sabotage candidates without Welsh language.

Anything else?

It is important.