

SCECLB342 Lynne Keys

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 Lynne Keys | Evidence from Lynne Keys

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 bill should specify that the term "woman" applies to females otherwise the Senedd could well end up with a greater proportion of men (males) than women (females), and the very reason for introducing the bill will be completely defeated.

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

I'm happy with the system of enforcement if "woman" is recognised as applying to females.

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, there will be problems if males are allowed to self identify as women in order to obtain selection over genuine women.

Are any unintended consequences likely to arise from the Bill?

The term "gender" allows confusion, whereas using the word "sex" would clarify exactly what is required of a candidate.

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

None.

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?

Yes

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

None

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

No

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

No

Anything else?

No