

# Ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus ar Wasanaethau Dwyieithog cyn y broses ddeddfu

Tystiolaeth gan Kathleen Cantwell

I set out my response to the consultation letter set in the website regarding public views on the above:

a: No. There is within Wales a small proportion of bilingual people, the majority being English speaking. If this consultation is to be valid, advertising should have been more widespread and not confined to minimal advertising in the local press.

b: Bilingualism should firstly be based on a reasonable expense and secondly on public request.

c: It is a very expensive scheme based in favour of a Welsh speaking minority in many areas. Paying for expensive advertising in two languages in papers such as the South Wales Argus whose readers are 98% English speaking is an unacceptable waste of public money at a time when important services are being drastically cut.

d: The advertisement could be available in Welsh if required. Likewise in predominantly Welsh speaking areas the advertisement could be in Welsh with an English version on request.

e: Biased in favour of a Welsh speaking minority and out of all proportion to public requirements.

f: This question is only applicable to the Welsh speaking minority and needs to be rephrased.

g: The whole scheme of language provision in Wales must be reviewed. I do agree the everyone in Wales should have the opportunity to study Welsh at all levels but providing dual language government literature is not achieving this aim and is a total waste of taxpayers money. In the present financial climate this needs to be reviewed. The literature could be available in both languages, allowing individuals to choose which version they are going to use. This would vary regionally and would avoid one set of unused literature filling recycling bins at the taxpayers expense.

h: The publicity for this consultation has been minimal. A referendum is required asking the views of all taxpayers living in Wales whether they are

happy to spend so much public money on bilingualism.

I would be grateful to have acknowledgment of my email