

(Draft) National Assembly for Wales (Official Languages) Bill and Consultation Paper

a) Do you agree that there is a need for the legal framework relating to standards of bilingual provision in the work of the National Assembly to be brought up to date?

Agree

b) What are your views on the general approach of the draft Bill, namely that clear statements of the status of English and Welsh in relation to National Assembly proceedings and Assembly Commission functions should be set out on the face of the Government of Wales Act 2006?

Agree

c) Do you agree that these statements should make it clear that English and Welsh are the official languages of the National Assembly and should be treated on a basis of equality?

Agree

d) If not, what alternative approach should be adopted?

N/A

e) Do you agree that the detail of how the principle of bilingualism is to be achieved in practice should be set out in a Bilingual Services Scheme prepared by the Assembly Commission?

Yes

f) If not, by what other means should the details of how bilingualism is delivered in the National Assembly be defined?

N/A

g) Do you agree that in drawing up and giving effect to the Scheme the Assembly Commission should be accountable to the National Assembly?

Yes

h) Should the Assembly Commission be accountable to anyone else, either in addition to or as an alternative to accountability to the National Assembly?

No

i) Should the intervals at which the Bilingual Services Scheme is reviewed be linked to the term of each National Assembly (whether four years or five)?

Yes.

j) If not, at what intervals should it be reviewed?

N/A

k) Do you have any comments on the detailed provisions of the draft Bill?

No.

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