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TRIBIWNLYS Y GYMRAEG

**YMATEB I DDOGFEN YMGYNGHORI LLYWODRAETH CYMRU: “TARO’R
CYDBWYSEDD IAWN: CYNIGION AR GYFER BIL Y GYMRAEG”**

Cyflwyniad

1. Fel corff barnwrol, ni fyddai’n briodol i’r Tribiwnlys leisio barn ar unrhyw fater o bolisi a drafodir yn y papur ymgynghori ar gyfer diwygio darpariaethau Mesur y Gymraeg (Cymru) 2011 nad ydynt yn ymwneud â swyddogaethau’r Tribiwnlys. Unig bwrpas yr ymateb hwn, felly, yw darparu gwybodaeth berthnasol i Lywodraeth Cymru mewn perthynas â’r cynigion hynny sy’n cyffwrdd â swyddogaethau’r Tribiwnlys, ar sail profiad y Tribiwnlys wrth arfer y swyddogaethau hynny.
2. Wrth wneud hynny, perthnasol yw nodi terfynau’r profiad hwnnw. Er bod y Mesur wedi’i basio yn 2011, ni chyrrhaeddwyd y cam allweddol o ddechrau cyflwyno hysbysiadau cydymffurfio i gyrff cyhoeddus o dan y Mesur tan ddiwedd Medi 2015 ac, felly, ni ddaeth unrhyw un o Safonau’r Gymraeg yn weithredol tan diwedd Mawrth 2016. Golyga hynny na ddechreuodd y prosesau a allasai arwain at apel i’r Tribiwnlys yn erbyn cynnwys Safon benodol mewn hysbysiad cydymffurfio tan Medi 2015. Ac ni ddaeth yn bosibl i gŵyn i Gomisiynydd y Gymraeg am fethiant i gydymffurfio â Safon, cam a allai, yn y pen draw, arwain at apel i’r Tribiwnlys, gael ei wneud tan Mawrth 2016. O ganlyniad, ni dderbyniodd y Tribiwnlys ei achos cyntaf tan Ebrill 2016. Ers hynny, derbyniwyd 10 achos arall. Ond mae’n amlwg bod profiad y Tribiwnlys o ddelio gydag achosion o dan y Mesur yn dal yn gyfyngedig. Er bod y profiad hwnnw’n ddigon i alluogi’r Tribiwnlys i ddod i rai casgliadau bras am beirianwaith y Mesur, ac felly am gynigion y papur ymgynghori, ni fedrwn hawlio bod gennym eto brofiad helaeth iawn o weithredu’r Mesur.
3. Seiliwn ein sylwadau ar yr egwyddor y dylai peirianwaith y Mesur i osod a gorfodi safonau (gan gynnwys y gweithdrefnau ar gyfer apelio i’r Tribiwnlys) gael ei farnu ar sail y meini prawf canlynol, sef:
 - Effeithlonrwydd (mewn perthynas â’r nod o hybu a hwyluso defnydd o’r Gymraeg);
 - Eglurder;
 - Hygyrchedd;
 - Diamwysedd.
4. Gan fod y sylwadau hyn yn gyfyngedig i rai agweddau penodol o’r papur ymgynghori (gweler paragraff 1 uchod) nid ydynt yn ymateb i bob cwestiwn a holir yn y papur hwnnw

ac nid ydynt, o angenrheidrwydd, yn cyfateb yn fanwl hyd yn oed i'r cwestiynau hynny sy'n berthnasol i'n sylwadau. Ond rydym yn tynnu sylw, mewn perthynas â phob pwnc a drafodir isod, i'r cwestiynau hynny sy'n ymddangos i ni fel y rhai mwyaf perthnasol i'r pynciau hynny.

Trosglwyddo'r swyddogaeth o osod Safonau ar gyrff o'r Comisiynydd (neu'r Comisiwn) i Llywodraeth Cymru (Cwestiynau 24 a 28)

5. Nid ydym yn dymuno gwneud unrhyw sylw ar egwyddor y newid arfaethedig hwn, sy'n seiliedig ar asesiad y Llywodraeth y byddai'r newid hwn yn helpu i symleiddio a chyflymu'r broses o osod Safonau (nôd yr ydym, wrth gwrs, yn ei gymeradwyo). Ni fyddai'r newid yn effeithio, mewn egwyddor, ar waith y Tribiwnlys. Byddai apêl o dan adran 58 o'r Mesur (gan gorff sy'n dadlau bod gofyniad iddo gydymffurfio â Safon yn afresymol neu'n anghymesur) yn dal i ddod i'r Tribiwnlys. Ond byddai apêl felly yn dod yn apêl yn erbyn penderfyniad y Llywodraeth, wrth gwrs, yn hytrach nag yn erbyn penderfyniad y Comisiynydd (neu'r Comisiwn). Llywodraeth Cymru, wrth gwrs, sydd yn darparu seilwaith gweinyddol y Tribiwnlys (o dan adran 127 o'r Mesur) a Gweinidogion Cymru, o dan adran 120, sydd, yn ffurfiol, yn penodi aelodau'r Tribiwnlys, er bod gweithdrefnau mewn lle er mwyn sicrhau bod penodiadau'n cael eu gwneud ar sail cyngor annibynnol awdurdodol.
6. Mae'r posiblwydd o orfod penderfynu achos lle bo'r Llywodraeth yn barti i'r achos hwnnw eisoes yn bodoli mewn perthynas ag apêlau sy'n codi allan o ymchwiliadau i gwynion bod y Llywodraeth wedi methu â chydymffurfio â Safon sy'n gymwys iddi. Ni chafwyd achos felly hyd yn hyn. Mae'n bosibl y byddai trosglwyddo i'r Llywodraeth y swyddogaeth o osod Safonau penodol ar gyrff yn cynyddu nifer yr achosion lle byddai'n rhaid i'r Tribiwnlys benderfynu anghydfod y byddai'r Llywodraeth yn barti iddo. Er nad ydym yn rhagweld unrhyw bwysau'n cael ei roi ar y Tribiwnlys i ochri gyda'r Llywodraeth mewn achos felly, mae canfyddiad cyhoeddus o bwysigrwydd allweddol os am warchod hyder y cyhoedd ym mhenderfyniadau'r Tribiwnlys. Awgrymwn, felly, y dylai ystyriaeth gael ei rhoi i ddarpariaethau ychwanegol yn y Mesur a fyddai'n amddiffyn a chryfhau annibyniaeth y Tribiwnlys.
7. Un newid a fyddai, wrth reswm, yn effeithio'n sylweddol ar waith y Tribiwnlys yw'r un sy'n cael ei grybwyll ym mharagraffau 197 i 199, sef y dylai Llywodraeth Cymru fedru gosod Safonau ar rai sectorau trwy reoliadau'n unig, gan hepgor yr angen i roi

hysbysiadau unigol i bob corff neu unigolyn o fewn y sector hwnnw. Enghraifft a roddir yw cynghorau cymuned, sydd yn sector sy'n cynnwys dros 700 o gyrff unigol.

8. Gallwn ddeall yn iawn y cymhlethdod gweinyddol o roi dros 700 o hysbysiadau cydymffurfio a faint mor atyniadol yw'r syniad o fedru cael, yn eu lle, un set o reoliadau a fyddai'n diffinio dyletswyddau ieithyddol pob cyngor mewn un ddogfen. Ond mae ein profiad ni o ystyried apêlau o dan adran 58 o'r Mesur wedi dangos i ni fantais y drefn bresennol, sef ei gwneud hi'n bosibl i deilwra dyletswyddau ieithyddol i ymateb yn effeithiol i broffeil ieithyddol ardal. Mae'r papur ymgynghori yn derbyn bod dadl gref dros gadw'r gallu i amrywio Safonau o fewn sector, er mwyn ymateb i wahaniaethau felly, a'r angen, os bydd y gallu hwnnw'n parhau, i warchod yr hawl i apelio i'r Tribiwnlys yn erbyn gosod Safonau penodol ar wahanol gyrff. Ond nid yw'r papur yn esbonio sut y gellid cysoni hwylustod gweinyddol gyda'r angen am drefn sy'n adlewyrchu anghenion cyrff unigol. Rhaid i ni rybuddio, felly, yn erbyn diystyru pwysigrwydd elfen o amrywiaeth mewn Safonau er mwyn medru adlewyrchu amrywiaeth proffeil ieithyddol y rhan berthnasol o Gymru.

Gosod amodau ar ddyletswydd y Comisiwn i ystyried ymchwilio i gŵyn (Cwestiynau 30 a 32).

9. Nid yw'r syniad y dylai unigolyn sydd â chŵyn yn erbyn ymddygiad corff orfod (fel arfer) ddisbyddu unrhyw beirianwaith cwynion y corff ei hun cyn medru gofyn am gymorth swyddog fel ombwdsmon neu gomisiynydd yn un newydd. Dyna yw'r drefn yn achos Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru, yn unol ag adran 6 Deddf Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus (Cymru) 2005.
10. Ceir dadleuon dros ac yn erbyn trefn o'r fath. Os yw'n gweithio'n iawn, gall arwain at ddatrysiad cyflymach a llai costus i'r gŵyn. Ar y llaw arall, os na fydd y corff dan sylw'n delio gyda'r gŵyn yn deg ac yn effeithiol, gall orfodi'r achwynydd i fynd trwy'r broses honno, cyn mynd â chwyn i'r ombwdsmon neu gomisiynydd, oedi datrysiad effeithiol. Teimlwn hefyd, o brofiad aelodau'r Tribiwnlys o weithdrefnau cwynion mewn meysydd eraill, bod rhai pobl yn ei chael hi'n fwy anodd i gwyno'n effeithiol i gorff sydd eisoes wedi eu gadael i lawr nag i ofyn i swyddog annibynnol i gymryd y mater i fyny gyda'r corff hwnnw ar eu rhan.
11. Mater i Lywodraeth Cymru yw i gloriannu'r ystyriaethau hyn ac i ddod i gasgliad ynglŷn â manteision ac anfanteision y rheol arfaethedig. Ni fyddai rheol felly yn effeithio ar

swyddogaeth y Tribiwnlys – unwaith y byddai'r achwynydd wedi disbyddu trefn cwynion corff ac yn dewis mynd â'r mater at y Comisiwn ni fyddai natur y penderfyniadau y gallai'r Tribiwnlys orfod gwneud yn newid.

12. Nid yw'r un peth yn wir am y cynnig arall i osod hidlydd ar allu unigolion i gael cymorth y Comisiwn, sef na ddylai'r Comisiwn ymyrryd onibai fod y mater yn un “difrifol”.
13. Rhoddir enghreifftiau ym mharagraff 219 o'r papur ymgynghori o'r math o sefyllfaoedd a allai gael eu cyfrif yn rhai “difrifol”. Mae rhai ohonynt yn hawdd i'w diffinio a'u cymhwyso i achosion unigol, er enghraifft cŵyn am fethiant penodol yr oedd corff eisoes wedi bod yn euog ohono nifer o weithiau o'r blaen neu wedi ymrwymo, ar achlysur blaenorol, i beidio a'i ailadrodd. Ond ceir enghreifftiau eraill (gwrthod “hanfod” hawl i'r achwynydd neu nam sylweddol yn ymchwiliad mewnol y corff) a fyddai'n gofyn i'r Comisiwn arfer mesur helaeth o farn ar sail yr amgylchiadau unigol.
14. Pe bai'r Comisiwn yn gwrthod ymchwilio i fater ar y sail nad oedd y mater yn un digon “difrifol” (yn unol â phwy bynnag ddiffiniad y byddai'r Mesur yn ei fabwysiadu) mae'n debyg y byddai gan yr achwynydd yr un hawl ag sydd ganddo ar hyn o bryd o dan adran 103 i ofyn am adolygiad o benderfyniad y Comisiwn. Mae profiad y Tribiwnlys yn dangos bod achwynwyr, os ydynt yn teimlo nad yw eu cŵyn wedi cael chwarae teg gan y Comisiynydd, yn barod iawn i fynd â'r achos at y Tribiwnlys. Allan o'r 11 achos a ddaeth i'r Tribiwnlys hyd yma, bu 7 ohonynt yn geisiadau am adolygiad o dan adran 103. O safbwynt y Tribiwnlys, byddai unrhyw amwyster yn niffiniad y Mesur o'r cysyniad o “ddifrifoldeb” yn creu cryn anhawster wrth i'r Tribiwnlys ystyried a oedd y Comisiwn wedi cymhwyso'r cysyniad hwnnw'n gywir.
15. Ym marn y Tribiwnlys, dylid felly fod yn ofalus iawn cyn gosod yr hidlydd arfaethedig. Yn hytrach na lleihau'r baich ar y Comisiwn, gallai arwain at gynydd diangenrhaid mewn ceisiadau am adolygiad gan y Tribiwnlys o benderfyniadau gan y Comisiwn i wrthod ymchwilio i gŵyn, yn enwedig gan y byddai elfen o ansicrwydd ynglŷn â hyd a lled y prawf “difrifoldeb” yn anorfod.
16. Nid yw hynny'n golygu na ddylai difrifoldeb cŵyn (sut bynnag y diffinir y cysyniad hwnnw) ddim fod yn berthnasol pan ddaw'r Comisiwn i benderfynu a ddylid ymchwilio i'r gŵyn honno neu beidio. Mae dyfarniad y Tribiwnlys yn achos TyG/WLT/16/8 yn pwysleisio bod gan y Comisiynydd ddisgresiwn wrth wneud penderfyniad felly, a bod

ganddi'r hawl (yn wir ei bod hi dan ddyletswydd) i ystyried ystod o ffactorau perthnasol cyn dod i benderfyniad:

“Nid yw'r Mesur ei hun yn rhoi unrhyw arweiniad ynglŷn â pha ffactorau y byddai disgwyl i'r Comisiynydd eu hystyried wrth benderfynu cynnal ymchwiliad ai peidio. Ni fyddai'n iawn i'r Tribiwnlys honni darparu rhestr gynhwysfawr. Mae'r amgylchiadau'n amrywio o achos i achos. Yn gyffredinol, mater i'r Comisiynydd yw penderfynu pa ffactorau sy'n berthnasol mewn achosion penodol (cyn belled nad yw'n anwybyddu rhai sy'n amlwg yn berthnasol) a phenderfynu faint o bwysau i'w roi ar y ffactorau hynny.” (paragraff 27)

“Er mai mater i'r Comisiynydd oedd barnau pa rai yw'r ffactorau (hy y rhai perthnasol yn yr achos penodol), mae materion megis difrifoldeb cymharol y methiant honedig, ansawdd y dystiolaeth o fethiant ac unrhyw hanes blaenorol o ddiffyg cydymffurfio â safonau yn ymddangos bron yn sicr o fod yn berthnasol.” (paragraff 34).

17. Mae Polisi Gorfodi presennol y Comisiynydd eisoes yn cynnwys difrifoldeb testun y gŵyn fel un o'r ffactorau y bydd y Comisiynydd yn ystyried wrth benderfynu a fydd hi'n cynnal ymchwiliad statudol i gŵyn ai peidio:

“4.16 Cedwir hawl y Comisiynydd i ystyried cynnal ymchwiliad statudol i'r gŵyn yn syth os yw amgylchiadau unigol y gŵyn yn gofyn am hynny. Gall amgylchiadau felly gynnwys, ond nid ydynt wedi eu cyfyngu i, amgylchiadau fel y canlynol:

- **cwyn yn codi amheuaeth o fethiant difrifol i gydymffurfio**
- cwyn yn gofyn am weithredu brys a
- lle mae tystiolaeth ddiamheuol eisoes wedi ei darparu gan yr achwynydd fel rhan o'r gŵyn.”

18. Nid yw'n glir, felly, sut y byddai gosod hidlydd statudol “difrifoldeb” ar hawl y Comisiwn i ymchwilio i gwynion yn ychwanegu at y pŵer sydd eisoes gan y Comisiynydd i wrthod ymchwilio i gŵyn ar sail diffyg difrifoldeb. Yn wir, gellir dadlau y byddai gwneud hynny, ac felly rhoi pwyslais arbennig ar un ffactor perthnasol, gyfyngu ar allu y Comisiwn i gymryd ffactorau perthnasol eraill i ystyriaeth neu i benderfynu

ymchwilio i achos nad oedd, ynddo'i hunan, yn cyrraedd trothwy “difrifoldeb” y Mesur ond a oedd, am ryw reswm arall, yn cyfiawnhau cynnal ymchwiliad.

19. Nid yw'r Tribiwnlys, trwy gyflwyno'r sylwadau hyn am werth ac ymarferoldeb gosod hidlydd “difrifoldeb” ar gŵynion, yn bwriadu codi amheuan am fodolaeth cwestiwn pwysig sydd angen ei ystyried. Rydym eisoes wedi derbyn tystiolaeth oddi wrth staff y Comisiynydd am faich cynnal ymchwiliadau statudol o dan adran 71 o'r Mesur. Roedd y dystiolaeth honno'n gyson â'r pwynt a wneir ym mharagraff 211 o'r papur ymgynghori, sef bod y broses o gynnal ymchwiliad statudol (yn unol â'r weithdrefn a ragnodir yn Atodlen 10 i'r Mesur) yn medru bod yn araf ac yn feichus.

20. Er bod y cyfiawnhâd dros weithdrefn mor gaeth i'w gael, mae'n debyg, yn y ffaith y gall ymchwiliad arwain at gamau gorfodi difrifol fel cosb sifil, mae'n ymddangos na arweiniodd unrhyw ymchwiliad gan y Comisiynydd, hyd yn hyn, at unrhyw gam mwy difrifol nac atgoffa'r corff dan sylw o'i ddyletswyddau. Mae hyn yn awgrymu y gall cwynion gael eu datrys yn effeithiol, mewn llawer o achosion, trwy ddulliau mwy anffurfiol a hyblyg na'r rhai sy'n cael eu rhagnodi gan Atodlen 10. Teimla'r Tribiwnlys y dylid adolygu, felly, y ffordd y rheolir ymchwiliadau ffurfiol i gŵynion gan yr Atodlen honno, gyda golwg ar roi mwy o ddisgresiwn i'r Comisiwn i deilwra ei ddull o ymchwilio i ofynion achosion arbennig, er mwyn lleihau'r adnoddau sydd ar hyn o bryd yn cael eu hawlio gan hyd yn oed y gŵyn fwyaf syml. Rhaid cofio, wrthg gwrs, bod gan unrhyw gorff sy'n teimlo bod canlyniad ymchwiliad statudol wedi bod yn anheg yr hawl i apelio i'r Tribiwnlys.

Ei gwneud yn ofynnol i gael caniatâd y Tribiwnlys cyn medru dod ag unrhyw gais neu apêl gerbron y Tribiwnlys (Cwestiynau 38 a 39)

21. Hyd yma, ni fu baich achosion y Tribiwnlys yn ddigon i roi pwysau afresymol ar adnoddau'r Tribiwnlys. Fel yr esboniwyd uchod (paragraff 2) daeth yr achos cyntaf at y Tribiwnlys yn Ebrill 2016. Dim ond 11 o achosion a ddaeth i law hyd yn hyn – cyfartaledd o tua un achos bob 7 wythnos. Ond gan mai trefn newydd sbon yw trefn Safonau, gan gynnwys apêlau at y Tribiwnlys, gellid disgwyl y bydd nifer yr achosion yn cynyddu ac y gallai hynny arwain at sefyllfa lle byddai gallu'r Tribiwnlys i ddelio ag achosion ddod o dan bwysau. Rhaid cofio hefyd bod achosion – pob un ohonynt yn her o ryw fath i benderfyniad gan y Comisiynydd – yn gosod baich gweinyddol ar y

Comisiynydd (neu'r Comisiwn). Derbyniwn, felly, y gallai gosod rhyw fath o hidlydd ar y gallu i ddod ag achos gerbron y Tribiwnlys fod o werth ymarferol yn y dyfodol.

22. Mae'r Mesur eisoes yn gosod hidlydd ar yr hawl i ddod ag un fath o achos gerbron y Tribiwnlys. Ni ellir gwneud cais i'r Tribiwnlys o dan adran 103 o'r Mesur heb ganiatâd y Tribiwnlys. Natur cais o dan adran 103 yw ei fod yn gais am adolygiad o benderfyniad gan y Comisiynydd i wrthod cynnal ymchwiliad statudol i gŵyn fod corff wedi methu â chydymffurfio â Safon. Rhaid i'r Tribiwnlys ddelio â chais yn unol â'r un egwyddorion a gymhwysir gan yr Uchel Lys mewn perthynas â cheisiadau am adolygiad barnwrol. Mae'r gofyniad am ganiatâd cyn medru dod ag achos yn adlewyrchu trefn yr Uchel Lys mewn achos felly. Os bydd y Tribiwnlys yn rhoi caniatâd, ac yn rhoi ystyriaeth lawn i gais, cyfyngir yr ystyriaeth honno i gyfreithlondeb penderfyniad y Comisiynydd – a yw hi wedi gweithredu tu fewn i'r pwerau a roddwyd iddi gan y Mesur. Mae ymchwiliad y Tribiwnlys yn ymchwiliad cyfreithiol, felly. Os yw'n ymddangos bod y Comisiynydd wedi gweithredu o fewn ei phwerau, dyna ddiwedd y mater. Nid oes gan y Tribiwnlys hawl i gwestiynu sylwedd penderfyniad y Comisiynydd.
23. Seilir y prawf y mae'n rhaid i'r Tribiwnlys ei gymhwyso wrth ystyried rhoi caniatâd ar arferiad yr Uchel Lys. Rhaid i'r ceisydd dangos naill ai “disgwyliad rhesymol y byddai'r cais yn llwyddo” neu “bod rhyw reswm cryf arall pam y dylai'r cais gael ei glywed.” Gwneir y penderfyniad i roi neu i wrthod caniatâd gan Lywydd y Tribiwnlys (neu, gyda chydysyniad y Llywydd, aelod arall o'r Tribiwnlys sydd â chymhwyster yn y gyfraith) ac os bydd caniatâd yn cael ei wrthod mae gan y ceisydd yr hawl i ofyn am i'r penderfyniad hwnnw gael ei ail-ystyried gan banel o aelodau'r Tribiwnlys.
24. Hyd yma, derbyniwyd saith o geisiadau dan adran 103. Gwrthodwyd caniatâd i wneud y cais mewn pedwar ohonynt. O'r tri arall, penderfynwyd un o blaid y ceisydd ar ôl gwrandawriad. Mewn un arall, derbyniodd y Comisiynydd nad oedd y dehongliad o'r Mesur y seiliwyd ei phenderfyniad hi arno yn gywir a thynnwyd y cais yn ôl trwy gytundeb. Mae'r trydydd eto heb ei benderfynu. Ni chafwyd cais am ail-ystyriaeth o benderfyniad y Tribiwnlys i wrthod caniatâd yn unrhyw un o'r pedwar achos perthnasol. Mae'n ymddangos, hyd yma, bod y drefn o osod gofyniad i gael caniatâd y Tribiwnlys cyn dod ag achos perthnasol yn gweithio'n foddhaol.
25. Mae'r papur ymgynghori yn awgrymu y gellid ymestyn y drefn a geir mewn perthynas â cheisiadau o dan adran 103 i gynnwys y mathau eraill o gais y gellid eu gwneud i'r

Tribiwnlys. Ond rhaid cofio bod natur ceisiadau i'r Tribiwnlys yn amrywio ac nad yw nodweddion cais o dan adran 103 yn berthnasol i bob un o'r ceisiadau posibl eraill.

26. Y math o geisiadau sy'n ymdebygu fwyaf i gais o dan adran 103 yw ceisiadau o dan adran 58 sef apêl i'r Tribiwnlys yn erbyn penderfyniad gan y Comisiynydd nad yw gosod Safon benodol ar gorff yn afresymol nac yn anghymesur. Ond rhaid sylwi ar y gwahaniaeth technegol rhwng *adolygiad* o dan adran 103 ac *apêl* o dan adran 58. Mae'r naill yn ymwneud a *chyfreithlondeb* penderfyniad y Comisiynydd. Mae'r llall yn ymwneud â *chywirdeb* penderfyniad y Comisiynydd. Ond nid yw'n glir, yn ymarferol, pam y dylai gallu ceisydd i herio penderfyniad y Comisiynydd fod mor wahanol pan fo'r Comisiynydd, yn y ddwy sefyllfa, yn arfer swyddogaethau mor debyg – sef cymhwyso ei barn arbenigol mewn maes y mae hi'n arfer swyddogaethau statudol eang ynddo. Yr unig esboniad amlwg am y gwahaniaeth yw'r ffaith fod cymhwysedd deddfwriaethol y Cynulliad, pan basiwyd y Mesur, yn ddarostyngedig i amod y dylai unrhyw Fesur a fyddai'n gosod dyletswyddau ar gorff gynnwys hawl i'r corff hwnnw “to challenge those duties, as they apply to that person, on grounds of reasonableness and proportionality.”
27. Gan nad yw'r cyfyngiad hwnnw bellach yn bod, fe fyddai'n bosibl ail-lunio'r hawl i herio penderfyniad i osod Safon ar gorff mewn termau tebyg i'r hawl i herio penderfyniad i beidio ag ymchwilio i gŵyn, hynny yw, fel hawl i ofyn am adolygiad, sef yr hawl a geir o dan adran 103. Pe bai hynny'n digwydd, byddai gosod hidlydd tebyg i'r un sydd yn adran 103(4) yn gam naturiol. Ond hyd yn oed pe bai natur yr her o dan adran 58 yn aros fel y mae – yn apêl yn hytrach nag yn gais am adolygiad – nid yw'n ymddangos y byddai unrhyw anhawster mewn cymhwyso'r un fath o ofyniad am ganiatâd ac a geir yn adran 103(4).
28. Mae'r ceisiadau posibl eraill i'r Tribiwnlys i gyd yn ymwneud ag ymchwiliadau statudol ac, o ran eu natur, i gyd yn apêlau yn hytrach nag yn adolygiadau. Maent yn cynnwys, er enghraifft, apêlau gan gorff yn erbyn dyfarniad gan y Comisiynydd bod y corff hwnnw wedi methu â chydymffurfio â Safon. Natur apêl yw ei fod yn ystyried cywirdeb (yn hytrach na chyfreithlondeb) y penderfyniad. Disgwylir i ymchwiliad y Tribiwnlys fod yn fwy eang, mewn achos felly, gan gynnwys pwysu a mesur tystiolaeth ffeithiol a hyd yn oed, o dan rai amgylchiadau, ystyried tystiolaeth newydd. O ganlyniad, gallai'r dystiolaeth a fyddai gan y Tribiwnlys, ar y cychwyn, wrth ystyried siawns yr apêl o lwyddo fod yn anghyflawn. Gall ystyried apêl gynnwys, mewn egwyddor, ystyried ystod eang o ddeunyddiau, gyda rhai ohonynt heb fod wedi'u casglu, hyd yn oed, pan fyddai

cais yn dod i law'r Tribiwnlys. O ganlyniad, gallai gosod amod yn yr un termau â rhai adran 103(4) olygu y byddai tasg y Tribiwnlys o bwysu a mesur cryfder apêl fod yn un anodd a gallai'r prawf gael ei weld yn un anymarferol.

29. Nid yw'n anghyffredin, wrth gwrs, bod hawl i apelio i lys neu dribiwnlys yn cael ei gyfyngu. Ni cheir apelio o'r Llys Sirol i'r Llys Apêl heb ganiatâd y naill lys neu'r llall, ac mae'r trothwy ar gyfer rhoi caniatâd (rheol 52.3(6) o'r Rheolau Gweithdrefn Sifil 1998) yn debyg i'r rhai yn adran 103(4) o'r Mesur (er bod y Rheolau'n sôn am "real prospect of success" yn hytrach na "reasonable prospect of success" fel y gwna'r Mesur). Ar y llaw arall, nid oes angen cael caniatâd i apelio o'r Llys Ynadon i Lys y Goron, nac i apelio o benderfyniad awdurdod lleol i Dribiwnlys Anghenion Addysgiadol Arbennig Cymru.
30. Mae yna le i ddadlau, felly, bod gosod hidlydd sy'n cynnwys yr angen i bwysu a mesur y tebygrwydd y bydd yr apêl yn llwyddo yn fwy priodol lle bo'r apêl yn ymwneud a chwestiynau o egwyddorion cyfreithiol a chywirdeb ymresymu nac ar gyfer achosion lle y gall casgliadau ffeithiol fod yn allweddol.
31. Hyd yma, ni ddaeth unrhyw apêl i'r Tribiwnlys yn erbyn penderfyniad y Comisiynydd mewn perthynas ag ymchwiliad statudol. Nid oes, felly, unrhyw dystiolaeth bod angen ymarferol i osod hidlydd ar yr hawl i apelio mewn achos felly. Mae profiad ehangach aelodau'r Tribiwnlys yn awgrymu, hefyd, y gall hidlydd felly achosi cymhlethdodau annisgwyl ac anfwriadol, trwy gynhyrchu llawer mwy o geisiadau am adolygiad gan y Tribiwnlys o'i benderfyniad i wrthod caniatâd, gan gymhlethu ac oedi datrysiad yr anghydfod.
32. Dylid hefyd nodi bod gan y Tribiwnlys eisoes bwerau cryf i ddod ag achosion gwan i derfyn, unwaith y bydd ganddo digon o wybodaeth am yr achos i fedru gwneud hynny'n deg. O dan reol 28 o Reolau Tribiwnlys y Gymraeg 2015 gall y Tribiwnlys, o'i wirfodd neu ar gais y Comisiynydd, ddileu achos ar unrhyw adeg os yw'n ymddangos nad oes seiliau rhesymol iddo neu ei fod yn wacsaw neu'n flinderus.
33. Nid yw'r Tribiwnlys wedi'i argyhoeddi, felly, o'r angen i osod hidlydd ar hawl achwynydd i apelio i'r Tribiwnlys, lle bo'r apêl yn un o dan adrann 95 neu 99 o'r Mesur neu o dan baragraffau 9 neu 10 o Atodiad 10 iddo. Ym marn y Tribiwnlys, mae ei bwerau o dan reol 28 o Reolau'r Tribiwnlys eisoes yn ei alluogi i ddod ag achosion anobeithiol i ben cyn iddynt osod baich gweinyddol ormodol ar y Tribiwnlys nac ar y Comisiynydd.

34. Ym marn y Tribiwnlys, felly:

- (i) Byddai trosglwyddo'r swyddogaeth o roi hysbysiadau cydymffurfio o'r Comisiynydd i Lywodraeth Cymru, gan gadw'r hawl i apelio i'r Tribiwnlys yn erbyn cynnwys yr hysbysiad, yn gofyn am ystyried darpariaethau ychwanegol yn y Mesur er mwyn tanlinellu annibyniaeth y Tribiwnlys;
- (ii) Dylid cadw'r gallu i amrywio'r Safonau sy'n gymwys i wahanol gyrff mewn ffordd sy'n ymateb i broffeil ieithyddol yr ardal berthnasol;
- (iii) Ni fyddai gosod hidlydd "difrifoldeb" ar yr hawl i wneud cŵyn i'r Comisiynydd yn ychwanegu at ddisgresiwn presennol y Comisiynydd i wrthod cychwyn ymchwiliad statudol i gŵyn ar sail diffyg difrifoldeb testun y gŵyn a gallai osod hidlydd statudol felly godi anhawsterau yng nghylch y diffiniad o "ddifrifoldeb" ac arwain at gynydd mewn ceisiadau i'r Tribiwnlys am adolygiad o benderfyniadau'r Comisiwn o dan adran 103 o'r Mesur, wrth iddo weithredu'r hidlydd hwnnw;
- (iv) Dylid ystyried sut i roi mwy o ryddid i'r Comisiwn deilwra'r broses o gynnal ymchwiliad statudol i gŵyn er mwyn medru ymateb yn fwy hyblyg i nodweddion achosion unigol;
- (v) Mae'r drefn o'i gwneud yn orfodol i gael caniatâd y Tribiwnlys cyn medru gwneud cais am adolygiad, o dan adran 103, o benderfyniad y Comisiynydd i wrthod cynnal ymchwiliad statidol i gŵyn yn gweithio'n dda; nid oes rheswm pam na ellid ymestyn y gofyniad hwnnw i apelau i'r Tribiwnlys o dan 58 (yn erbyn gosod Safon benodol);
- (vi) Dylid, wrth wneud hynny, ystyried newid natur cyfreithiol technegol cais o dan adran 58 o fod yn apel yn erbyn y pendefyniad i fod yn gais am adolygiad ohono, fel yn achos cais o dan adran 103;
- (vii) Nid oes, ar hyn o bryd, unrhyw dystiolaeth o angen am hidlydd a fyddai'n gorfodi achwynydd i gael caniatâd y Tribiwnlys cyn apelio o dan adrannau 95, 99 a pharagraffau 9 a 10 o Atodlen 10 o'r Mesur; gallai gosod hidlydd felly greu cymhlethdodau annisgwyl anfwriadol.

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THE WELSH LANGUAGE TRIBUNAL

**RESPONSE TO THE WELSH GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATION DOCUMENT:
"STRIKING THE RIGHT BALANCE: PROPOSALS FOR A WELSH LANGUAGE
BILL"**

Introduction

1. As a judicial body, it would not be appropriate for the Tribunal to express an opinion on any matter of policy discussed in the consultation paper to amend the provisions of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 which do not relate to the functions of the Tribunal. The only purpose of this response, therefore, is to provide relevant information to the Welsh Government in relation to those proposals which touch on the functions of the Tribunal, based on the experience of the Tribunal in the exercise of those functions.
2. In doing so, it is relevant to note the limits of that experience. Although the Measure was passed in 2011, the key step of beginning to serve compliance notices on public bodies under the Measure was not reached until the end of September 2015 and, therefore, no Welsh language Standard came into operation until the end March 2016. That means that the processes that could lead to an appeal to the Tribunal against the inclusion of a particular Standard in a compliance notice did not begin until September 2015. And it did not become possible for a complaint to the Commissioner about the failure to comply with a Standard, a move that could ultimately lead to an appeal to the Tribunal, to be made until March 2016. Consequently, the Tribunal did not receive its first case until April 2016. Since then, another 10 cases have been received. But it is clear that the Tribunal's experience of dealing with cases under the Measure is still limited. Although that experience is enough to enable the Tribunal to come to some broad conclusions about the machinery of the Measure, and therefore about the proposals in the consultation paper, we cannot claim that we have again a very extensive experience of operating the Measure.
3. We base our comments on the principle that the Measure's machinery for imposing and enforcing standards (including procedures for appealing to the Tribunal) should be judged on the basis of the following criteria, namely:
 - Efficiency (in relation to the aim of promoting and facilitating the use of the Welsh language);
 - Clarity;

- Accessibility;
 - Freedom from ambiguity.
4. Because these comments are limited to certain aspects of the consultation paper (see paragraph 1 above) they do not respond to every question asked in the paper and they do not necessarily correspond in detail even to those questions which are relevant to our comments. But we draw attention, in respect of each topic discussed below, to those questions which appear to us as being the most relevant to those subjects.

Transferring the function of imposing Standards on bodies from the Commissioner (or Commission) to the Welsh Government (questions 24 and 28)

5. We do not wish to make any comment on the principle of the proposed change, which is based on the Government's assessment that this change would help to simplify and speed up the process of imposing Standards (an aim which we naturally support). The change would not, in principle, affect the work of the Tribunal. There would still be an appeal to the Tribunal under section 58 of the Measure (by a body which argues that a requirement for it to comply with a Standard is unreasonable or disproportionate). But such an appeal would, of course, become an appeal against a decision of the Government rather than that of the Commissioner's decision (or Commission). It is the Welsh Government, of course, that provides the Tribunal's administrative infrastructure (under section 127 of the Measure) and it is the Welsh Ministers, under section 120, who formally appoint the members of the Tribunal, although there are procedures in place to ensure that appointments are made on the basis of independent authoritative advice.
6. The possibility of having to decide a case in which the Government is a party to that case already exists in relation to appeals arising out of investigations into complaints that the Government has failed to comply with a standard which applies to it. There have been no such cases so far. It is possible that the transfer to the Government of the function of imposing specific Standards on bodies would increase the number of cases where the Tribunal would have to decide a dispute to which the Government was a party. Although we do not foresee any pressure being placed on the Tribunal to side with the Government in such a case, public perception is of key importance in order to protect public confidence in the decisions of the Tribunal. We suggest, therefore, that consideration should be given to additional provisions in the Measure that would defend and strengthen the independence of the Tribunal.

7. One change that would, of course, have a significant impact on the work of the Tribunal is that set out in paragraphs 197 to 199, namely that the Welsh Government should be able to impose Standards on certain sectors through regulations alone, doing away with the need to give individual notices to every body or individual within that sector. An example given is that of community councils, a sector which includes over 700 individual bodies.
8. We can well understand the administrative complexity of giving over 700 compliance notices and how attractive it would be to be able to substitute one set of regulations that would define the linguistic duties of every council in one document. But our experience of considering appeals under section 58 of the measure has shown us the benefit of the current system, which makes it possible to tailor linguistic duties in order to respond effectively to the linguistic profile of an area. The consultation paper accepts that there is a strong case for retaining the ability to vary Standards within a sector, in order to respond to such differences, and therefore the need, if that ability is to continue, to protect the right of appeal to the Tribunal against the imposition of particular Standards on different bodies. But the paper does not explain how one could reconcile administrative convenience with the need for a system which reflects the needs of individual organisations. We must therefore warn against overlooking the importance of an element of diversity in Standards so as to be able to reflect the diversity of the linguistic profile of the relevant part of Wales.

Imposing conditions on the duty of the Commission to consider investigating a complaint (Questions 30 and 32).

9. The idea that an individual who has a complaint against the conduct of a body should have (usually) to exhaust any complaints machinery of the body itself before being able to seek the assistance of an officer such as an ombudsman or a commissioner is not a new one. That is the situation in the case of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, in accordance with section 6 of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005.
10. There are arguments for and against such a procedure. If it works properly, it can result in faster and less costly solution to the complaint. On the other hand, if the body in question does not deal with the complaint fairly and effectively, requiring the complainant to go through that process, before proceeding with a complaint to the ombudsman or commissioner, can delay effective resolution. We also feel, based on the experience of

members of the Tribunal of complaints procedures in other areas, which some people find it more difficult to complain effectively to a body that has already let them down than to ask an independent officer to take up the matter with that body on their behalf part.

11. It is for the Welsh Government to evaluate these considerations and come to a conclusion about the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed rule. Such a rule would not affect the function of the Tribunal – once the complainant had exhausted a body's complaints procedure and chooses to take the matter to the Commission, the nature of the decisions which the Tribunal would have to make would not change.
12. The same is not true of the other proposal to place a filter on the ability of individuals to receive the assistance of the Commission, namely that the Commission should not intervene unless the matter is "serious".
13. Examples are given in paragraph 219 of the consultation paper of the kind of situations that may be counted as "serious". Some of them are easy to define and apply them to individual cases, for example a complaint about a particular failure of which the body had already been guilty of committing on several occasions or which it had, on a previous occasion, bound itself not to repeat. But there are other examples (denial to the complainant of the "substance" of a right or significant flaw in an internal investigation by a body) that would require the Commission to exercise a high degree of judgment based on the individual circumstances.
14. If the Commission refuses to investigate a matter on the basis that the matter was not "serious" enough (in accordance with whoever definition the Measure adopted) it is likely that the complainant would have the same right as at present under section 103 to request a review of the Commission's decision. The Tribunal's experience shows that the complainants, if they feel that their complaints have not received fair play from the Commissioner, are very willing to take the case to the Tribunal. Out of the 11 cases that have come to the Tribunal to date, 7 of them have been requests for a review under section 103. From the point of view of the Tribunal, any ambiguity in the Measure's definition of the concept of "seriousness" would create considerable difficulty as the Tribunal considered whether the Commission had applied that concept correctly.
15. In the opinion of the Tribunal, one should therefore be very careful before imposing the proposed filter. Rather than reducing the burden on the Commission, it could lead to an unnecessary increase in applications for review by the Tribunal of decisions by the

Commission to refuse to investigate a complaint, particularly as there would inevitably be an element of uncertainty about the extent of the "seriousness" test.

16. That does not mean that the seriousness of a complaint (however that concept is defined) should not be relevant when the Commission comes to decide whether to investigate the complaint or not. The Tribunal's ruling in the case of TyG/WLT/16/8 stressed that the Commissioner has a discretion in making such a decision, and that she has the right (indeed is under a duty) to consider a range of relevant factors before making a decision:

"The Measure itself gives no guidance as to what factors the Commissioner would be expected to take into account when deciding whether or not to conduct an investigation. It would be wrong of the Tribunal purport to provide an exhaustive list. Circumstances vary from case to case. Generally, it would be for the Commissioner to decide what factors are relevant in particular cases (provided she does not ignore obviously relevant ones) and to decide how much weight to give to those factors. " (paragraph 27)

"Whilst it was a matter for the Commissioner to identify those factors (i.e. those relevant in the particular case), matters such as the relative seriousness of the alleged failure, the quality of the evidence of the failure and any previous history of non-compliance with standards seem almost certain to be relevant." (paragraph 34).

17. The Commissioner's current Enforcement Policy already includes the seriousness of the subject matter of the complaint as one of the factors that the Commissioner is to take into account when deciding whether or not she will conduct a statutory inquiry into a complaint:

"4.16 The Commissioner's right to consider undertaking an immediate statutory investigation into the complaint is reserved if the individual circumstances of the complaint require. Such circumstances may include, but are not restricted to, circumstances such as:

- a complaint regarding a suspected serious failure to comply
- a complaint requiring urgent action and
- where indisputable evidence has already been provided by the complainant as part of the complaint."

18. It is not clear, therefore, how the imposition of a statutory "seriousness" filter on the right of the Commission to investigate complaints would add to the existing power of the Commissioner to refuse to investigate a complaint on the grounds of lack of seriousness. Indeed, it can be argued that to do so, and therefore to place particular emphasis on one relevant factor, would limit the ability of the Commission to take account of other relevant factors or to decide to investigate a case which did not, in itself, will reach the Measure's "seriousness" threshold but which, for some other reason, warranted conducting an investigation.
19. The Tribunal, by submitting these comments about the value and feasibility of imposing a "seriousness" filter on complaints, does not seek to raise doubts about the existence of an important question that needs to be considered. We have already received evidence from the Commissioner's staff about the burden of conducting statutory inquiries under section 71 of the Measure. That evidence was consistent with the point made in paragraph 211 of the consultation paper, namely that the process of carrying out a statutory inquiry (in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Schedule 10 to the Measure) can be slow and cumbersome.
20. Although the justification for such a strict procedure is probably to be found in the fact that an investigation may lead to serious enforcement action such as a civil penalty, it appears that no investigation by the Commissioner has, to date, led to any more serious step than a reminder to the body concerned of its duties. This suggests that complaints can be resolved effectively, in many cases, through more informal and flexible mechanisms than those which are prescribed by Schedule 10. The Tribunal feels that there should be a review, therefore, of the way in which formal investigations into complaints are governed by that Schedule, with a view to giving more discretion to the Commission to tailor its approach to investigating complaints to the requirements of particular cases, in order to reduce the resources currently demanded by even the most simple complaint. It must be remembered, of course, that any body which feels that the result of a statutory investigation has been unfair has a right of appeal to the Tribunal.

Requiring the permission of the Tribunal before being able to bring any application or appeal before the Tribunal (Questions 38 and 39)

21. To date, the burden of the Tribunal's caseload has not been sufficient to place unreasonable demands on the resources of the Tribunal. As explained above (paragraph

2) the first case was received by the Tribunal in April 2016. Only 11 cases have been received to date - an average of about one case every 7 weeks. But as the Standards regime, involving appeals to the Tribunal, is brand new, one can expect the number of cases to increase and that this could lead to a situation where the ability of the Tribunal to deal with cases came under pressure. It must also be remembered that cases – all of them involving some kind of challenge to a decision by the Commissioner – impose an administrative burden upon the Commissioner (or Commission). We accept, therefore, that the imposition of some sort of filter on the ability to bring a case before the Tribunal could be of practical value in the future.

22. The measure already imposes a filter on the right to bring one sort of case before the Tribunal. One cannot make an application to the Tribunal under section 103 of the Measure without the Tribunal's permission. The nature of an application under section 103 is that it is a request for a review of a decision of the Commissioner to refuse to hold a statutory investigation into a complaint that a body has failed to comply with a Standard. The Tribunal must deal with a request in accordance with the same principles applied by the High Court in respect of applications for judicial review. The requirement for permission before being able to bring the case reflects the procedure of the High Court in such a case. If the Tribunal gave permission, and gives full consideration to the application, that consideration is restricted to the legality of the Commissioner's decision – whether she has acted within the powers conferred on her by the Measure. The Tribunal's inquiry is therefore a legal inquiry. If it appears that the Commissioner has acted within her powers, that is the end of the matter. The Tribunal has no right to question the substance of the Commissioner's decision.
23. The test which the Tribunal must apply when considering giving permission is based on the practice of the High Court. The applicant must demonstrate either that the application "would have a reasonable prospect of success" or that "there is some other compelling reason why the application should be heard." The decision to grant or to refuse permission is made by the President of the Tribunal (or, with the consent of the President, another member of the Tribunal qualified in the law) and if permission is refused the applicant has the right to ask for that decision to be reconsidered by a panel of Tribunal members.
24. So far, seven applications under section 103 have been received. Permission to make the application was refused in four of them. Of the other three, one has been decided, after a

hearing, in favour of the applicant. In another, the Commissioner accepted that the interpretation of the Measure on which her decision had been based was incorrect and the application was withdrawn by agreement. The third is yet to be determined. No request for reconsideration of the decision of the Tribunal to refuse permission was received in any of the four cases. It seems that, so far, the requirement to obtain the permission of the Tribunal before bringing a relevant application is working satisfactorily.

25. The consultation paper suggests that the procedure which applies in respect of applications under section 103 could be extended to include the other types of application which can be made to the Tribunal. But one must remember that the nature of applications to the Tribunal varies and that the characteristics of an application under section 103 do not apply to each of the other possible applications.
26. The type of applications that is most similar to an application under section 103 is that of applications under section 58, namely an appeal to the Tribunal against a decision by the Commissioner to impose a specific Standard on body is neither unreasonable nor disproportionate. But the technical difference must be noted between a *review* under section 103 and an *appeal* under section 58. One relates to the *legality* of the Commissioner's decision. The other relates to the *correctness* of the decision of the Commissioner. But it is not clear, in practice, why an applicant's ability to challenge the Commissioner's decision should be so different when the Commissioner, in both situations, is exercising functions which are so similar – namely to apply her expert opinion in a field in which she exercises such wide statutory functions. The only obvious explanation for the difference is the fact that the legislative competence of the Assembly, when it passed the Measure, was subject to the proviso that any Measure that placed duties on a body must include a right for that body " to challenge those duties, as they apply to that person, on grounds of reasonableness and proportionality. "
27. As that restriction no longer exists, it would be possible to recast the right to challenge a decision to impose a Standard on a body in similar terms to the right to challenge a decision not to investigate a complaint, that is, as a right to request a review, namely the right available under section 103. If that were to happen, the imposition of a filter similar to the one contained in section 103 (4) would be a natural step. But even if the nature of the challenge under section 58 were to remain as it is – an appeal rather than an application for review – there does not appear to be any difficulty in applying the same sort of requirement for permission contained in section 103 (4).

28. The other potential applications to the Tribunal all relate to statutory inquiries and are, by their nature, all appeals rather than reviews. They include, for example, appeals by a body against a ruling by the Commissioner that that the body has failed to comply with a Standard. The nature of an appeal is that it considers the correctness (as opposed to the legality) of the decision. The Tribunal's inquiry is expected to be wider, in such a case, including the weighing of factual evidence and even, under certain circumstances, consider new evidence. As a result, the evidence before the Tribunal when considering, at the outset, the appeal's chances of success may be incomplete. Consideration of an appeal may include, in principle, a wide range of materials, some of which may not even have been collected, when an application is received by the Tribunal. As a result, the imposition of a condition in the same terms as those of section 103 (4) could mean that the task of the Tribunal of weighing the strength of the appeal would be a difficult one and that the test could be seen as unworkable.
29. It is not uncommon, of course, that the right to appeal to a court or tribunal is restricted. There is no appeal from the County Court to the Court of Appeal without the permission of one court or the other, and the threshold for giving consent (rule 52.3 (6) of the Civil Procedure Rules 1998) is similar to that in section 103(4) of the Measure (although the Rules refer to a "real prospect of success" rather than a "reasonable prospect of success" as does the Measure). On the other hand, it is not necessary to obtain permission to appeal from the Magistrates' Court to the Crown Court, or to appeal from the decision of a local authority to the Special Educational Needs Tribunal for Wales.
30. There is ground for arguing, therefore, that the imposition of a filter which includes the need to weigh up the likelihood that the appeal will succeed is more appropriate where the appeal relates to questions of legal principles and correctness of reasoning than in cases where factual conclusions are key.
31. So far, no appeal has been received by the Tribunal against the Commissioner's decision in respect of a statutory investigation. There is, therefore, no evidence of a practical need to impose a filter on the right of appeal in such a case. The broader experience of members of the Tribunal suggests, also, that such a filter can cause unexpected and unintended complications, by generating many more applications for review by the Tribunal of its decision to refuse permission, thereby complicating and delaying resolution of the dispute.

32. It should also be noted that the Tribunal already has strong powers to bring weak cases to a conclusion, once it has enough information about the case to be able to do so fairly. Under rule 28 of the Welsh Language Tribunal Rules 2015 the Tribunal may, of its own initiative or at the request of the Commissioner, strike out an application at any time if it appears that there are no reasonable grounds for it or that it is frivolous or vexatious.
33. The Tribunal is not convinced, therefore, of the need to impose a filter on the complainant's right to appeal to the Tribunal, where the appeal is one under section 95 or 99 of the Measure or under paragraphs 9 or 10 of Schedule 10 to it. In the opinion of the Tribunal, its powers under rule 28 of the Tribunal Rules already enable it to bring hopeless cases to an end before they impose an excessive administrative burden on the Tribunal or on the Commissioner.

Summary

34. In the opinion of the Tribunal, therefore:

- (i) Transferring the function of giving compliance notices from the Commissioner to the Welsh Government, while retaining the right to appeal to the Tribunal against the contents of the notice, call for consideration of additional provisions in the Measure in order to underline the independence of the Tribunal;
- (ii) The ability to vary the Standards applicable to different bodies so as to respond to the linguistic profile of the relevant area should be retained;
- (iii) The imposition of a "seriousness" filter on the right to make a complaint to the Commissioner would not add to the Commissioner's existing discretion to refuse to commence a statutory investigation into a complaint on the basis of the lack of seriousness of the subject matter of the complaint and the imposition of such a statutory filter could give rise to difficulties in terms of the definition of "seriousness" and lead to an increase in applications to the Tribunal for a review of Commission decisions under section 103 of the Measure, applying that filter;
- (iv) Consideration should be given as to how to provide greater freedom for the Commission to tailor the process of carrying out a statutory inquiry into a complaint in order to be able to respond more flexibly to the characteristics of individual cases;

- (v) The procedure requiring permission of the Tribunal to be obtained before making an application for a review under section 103 of a decision by the Commissioner to refuse to undertake a statutory investigation into a complaint is working well; there is no reason why the requirement could not be extended to appeals to the Tribunal under section 58 (against the imposition of a particular Standard);
- (vi) When doing so, consideration should be given to changing the technical legal nature of an application under section 58 from an appeal against the decision to an application for review of it, as in the case of an application under section 103;
- (vii) There is, at present, no evidence of the need for a filter which would require a complainant to obtain permission of the Tribunal before appealing under sections 95, 99 and paragraphs 9 and 10 of Schedule 10 of the Measure; imposing such a filter could give rise to unintended and unexpected complications.

On behalf of the Welsh Language Tribunal

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President of the Tribunal

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**PG-102 - Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Merthyr Tudful/
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council**

Rhan 1: Hybu'r Gymraeg

Cwestiwn 1 – Ym mharagraffau 49–54, rydym wedi amlinellu'r rôl yr ydym yn cynnig y dylai Llywodraeth Cymru ei chwarae i hybu'r Gymraeg, h.y. swyddogaethau'r Llywodraeth i hybu'r Gymraeg. A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig?

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Sylwadau ategol, gan gynnwys p'un a oes meysydd y dylid eu hychwanegu neu eu tynnu o'r rhestr ym mharagraff 53.

Rhestr yma yn iawn – ond peidiwch a gadael arweiniad strategol ar feysydd megis Addysg, Cynllunio leithyddol, Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a lechyd i “gwympo rhwng y craciau” fel bod unrhyw strwythur newydd yn cael ei ddatblygu.

Cwestiwn 2 – Yn Nhabl 1, rydym wedi amlinellu'r adnoddau mewn perthynas â'r swyddogaethau cyffredinol i hybu'r Gymraeg yr ydym o'r farn y dylent fod ar gael i unrhyw gorff neu gyrff sy'n helpu yn y gwaith o hybu'r Gymraeg a monitro a gorfodi cydymffurfiaeth â'r Safonau. A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig?

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Sylwadau ategol

Mae'r rhestr cyrff yn gyffredinol gywir – y broblem yw maint y gyllideb. Dim ond i edrych ar y sefyllfa yma ym Merthyr, fe fyddem yn gallu gwneud llawer, llawer fwy ar draws y fwrdeistref tase gennym ni'r staff cymwysedig i gynnal digwyddiadau hamdden yn y gymuned. Mae'r Fenter Iaith Leol a'r Urdd yn gweithio pob awr o'r dydd a'r nos eisoes – ond d'oes dim digon o oriau staff ar gael i greu a diwallu anghenion. Yna mae'r gost o hurio lleoliadau yn fater arall uwchben hynny. Felly mae'r cyfeiriad yn Nhabl 1 yn gywir – ond i wneud y mwyaf o'r cyfleon, mae angen llawer, llawer mwy o arian. Hefyd, mae angen yr adnoddau “strategol” ar bob cornel o Gymru i gynllunio ac i drefnu darpariaeth adnoddau (dynol, ariannol ac o ran cyfleusterau) yn well. Llai o amser yn creu gwaith biwrocratiaeth adrodd nôl – a mwy o amser yn cael ei roi i ddarparu gwasanaethau.

Cwestiwn 3 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'r opsiwn a ffefrir gennym (Opsiwn 4), sef un corff i fod yn gyfrifol am hybu'r Gymraeg ac am fonitro a gorfodi cydymffurfiaeth â'r Safonau?

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Os ydych yn anghytuno, nodwch pa opsiwn (gan gynnwys opsiynau nad ydym wedi'u trafod yn y Papur Gwyn) y dylem ei ystyried yn eich barn chi.

Sylwadau ategol

Does dim ots mewn gwirionedd beth yw union ffurf y ddwy swyddogaeth – beth sy'n bwysig yw;

a. Bod RHYWUN yn gyfrifol am hybu a hyrwyddo (mae 'na agendor anferth yma ar hyn o bryd) – a bod y swyddogaeth yma yn cael ei ariannu yn ddigonol
a b. Bod y swyddogaeth Hybu a Hwyluso yn cynnal deialog cyson gyda'r swyddogaeth rheoleiddio – fel bod y cylch o safonau, hawliau, sgiliau a darparu gwasanaethau yn gytbwys mor aml a bo modd. Gadewch i ni sicrhau fod cynladwyedd yn ffactor ganolog i'r ffordd mae'r strwythur yn cael ei ddatblygu.

Cwestiwn 4 – Rydym wedi seilio ein dewis, sef un corff, ar sail eglurder, cydnawsedd a gwerth am arian. A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n sail resymegol?

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Sylwadau ategol

Gweler yr ymateb i Gwestiwn 3 uchod.

Cwestiwn 5 – Pa faterion perthnasol eraill y dylem eu hystyried wrth wneud ein cynnig terfynol ynghylch pa gorff neu gyrff ddylai hybu'r Gymraeg a monitro a gorfodi cydymffurfiaeth â'r Safonau?

Sylwadau ategol

Rhaid bod yr holl broses yn adlewyrchu'r dirwedd ieithyddol drwy gydol Cymru – mae'r hyn sy'n bosib o ran darparu gwasanaethau yn Abercynon yn gwbl, gwbl wahanol i'r hyn ellir ei wneud yn Aberfan – cryno 5 milltir i ffwrdd. D'yw atebion “dipio defaid” ddim yn ddigonol!

Cwestiwn 6 – A oes gennych unrhyw sylwadau pellach ar Ran 1 y Papur Gwyn?

Na.

Rhan 2: Llywodraethiant ac atebolrwydd

Cwestiwn 7 – Ym mharagraffau 93–95, rydym wedi nodi rhai gofynion cyffredinol yn ymwneud â threfniadau llywodraethu ac atebolrwydd y corff. Beth yw eich barn chi am y gofynion cyffredinol hyn, ac a oes yna fesurau monitro a ffrwyno eraill a ddylai fod yn weithredol ar y corff arfaethedig?

Sylwadau ategol

Mae rhannu arfer da yn rhan hanfodol o sicrhau llwyddiant, ac i arbed adnoddau mewn ffyrdd tactegol a strategol. Mae’r gallu i fod yn hyblyg, ac i newid cyfeiriad heb lyffethair amser a daearyddiaeth, hefyd yn holl bwysig yn y cyd-destun hwn.

Cwestiwn 8 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'r opsiwn a ffeirir gennym (Opsiwn 3), sef i sefydlu Comisiwn y Gymraeg i hybu a hwyluso defnyddio'r Gymraeg a monitro a gorfodi cydymffurfiaeth cyrff â'r Safonau?

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Sylwadau ategol

Mae deialog rhwng y corff sy'n hybu a'r corff sy'n rheoleiddio yn holl bwysig. Ar yr wyneb, fe fyddai cael un gyfundrefn i wneud hyn yn swnio fel yr opsiwn fwyaf pragmataidd.

Cwestiwn 9 – Beth yw eich barn chi am y dadansoddiad rydym wedi'i ddarparu sy'n cefnogi ein dewis ni, sef Opsiwn 3? A oes unrhyw ystyriaethau eraill y dylem eu hystyried wrth wneud unrhyw gynnig terfynol?

Mae cadw dwr glas rhwng y ddau swyddogaeth yn holl bwysig, er fod y ddeialog strategol rhwng y ddau cyn bwysiced! Fe fydd cael y balans yn iawn rhwng y ddwy ystyriaeth yn gryn gamp – ond rhaid sicrhau hyn os yw’r Opsiwn o un corff yn mynd i weithio.

Cwestiwn 10 – A ydych chi'n credu bod Opsiwn 3 yn diogelu annibyniaeth y Comisiwn arfaethedig yn ddigonol yng nghyd-destun arfer swyddogaethau ar gyfer monitro a gorfodi cydymffurfiaeth cyrff â'r Safonau?

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Sylwadau ategol

Gweler ateb 9 uchod

Cwestiwn 11 – A oes unrhyw faterion ychwanegol i'r rhai a restrir ym mharagraffau 121–122 y dylem eu hystyried wrth ystyried trefniadau i sefydlu'r Comisiwn arfaethedig?

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Sylwadau ategol

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Cwestiwn 12 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig i symud y gofyniad ar Lywodraeth Cymru i lunio strategaeth ar gyfer y Gymraeg o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Cymru 2006 i'r Bil y Gymraeg newydd?

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Sylwadau ategol

Mae Strategaeth, ac efallai yn bwysicach, Cynllun Gwaith sy'n amlinellu'r hyn sydd rhaid ei gyflawni mewn seilos yn hollol, ganolog bwysig os ydyn ni i symud ymlaen o gwbl. Rhaid adeiladu'r cynllun gwaith o lawr gwlad lan – a hyn mewn ateb i'r nodau strategol a gaiff eu gosod yn ganolog.

Cwestiwn 13 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig y dylai Llywodraeth Cymru adrodd i'r Cynulliad ar strategaeth y Gymraeg bob pum mlynedd yn lle bob blwyddyn?

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Sylwadau ategol

Falle ddim yn flynyddol – ond yn (llawer) amlach na phob pum mlynedd. Pob 2 flynedd fyddai'n ddelfrydol.

Cwestiwn 14 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig y dylai Llywodraeth Cymru gyhoeddi cynllun yn nodi sut y bydd yn gweithredu'r strategaeth bob pum mlynedd yn lle bob blwyddyn?

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Sylwadau ategol

Gweler yr ateb i Gwestiwn 13 uchod.

Cwestiwn 15 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig i ddiddymu Cyngor Partneriaeth y Gymraeg a rhoi'r pŵer i Lywodraeth Cymru geisio cyngor gan y Comisiwn arfaethedig, sef Comisiwn y Gymraeg?

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Sylwadau ategol

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Cwestiwn 16 – A oes gennych unrhyw sylwadau eraill ar Ran 2 y Papur Gwyn?

Ni ellir pwysleisio digon pa mor bwysig y bydd adeiladu'r Cynllun Gwaith yn mynd i fod – a hyn yng nghyd-destun Strategaeth fydd yn dangos amcanion clir a diamwys.

Rhan 3: Safonau'r Gymraeg

Cwestiwn 17 – Rydym yn cynnig y dylid mabwysiadu model diwygiedig o'r Safonau (Opsiw 2) fel y ffordd orau o sicrhau hawliau pobl i dderbyn gwasanaethau Cymraeg. A ydych chi'n cytuno â'r cynnig hwn?

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Sylwadau ategol, gan gynnwys (os yn berthnasol) unrhyw ddiwygiadau pellach yr hoffech eu gweld i'r system bresennol, neu unrhyw ddulliau gweithredu eraill y dylem eu hystyried yn eich barn chi.

Fe fyddai gallu dileu nifer o'r safonau sy'n cynnig budd bychan ond yn creu baich enfawr yn gwneud llawer iawn o synnwyr cyffredin! Efallai byddai crynhoi o ryw fath, p'un ai mewn is-ddeddfwriaeth neu fel narratif gwahanol, y safonau sy'n ymwneud a gwasanaeth hefyd o fudd mawr i wneud y cwbl oll yn fwy dealladwy a. I'r rheiny sy'n gyfrifol am eu darparu, a b. I'r rheiny sydd a'r hawliau i'w defnyddio. Byddai unrhyw symleiddio yn gam positif dros ben!!!

Cwestiwn 18 – Rydym wedi seilio'r cynnig rydym yn ei ffafrio i ddiwygio'r Safonau (Opsiw 2) ar sail yr eglurder, y capasiti ar gyfer gwella a'r costau newid sy'n gysylltiedig â phob opsiwn (paragraffau 163–165). A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n dadansoddiad?

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Sylwadau ategol, gan gynnwys (os yn berthnasol) unrhyw ffactorau eraill y dylem eu hystyried wrth lunio unrhyw gynigion terfynol.

Un o'r pethau sy'n gwylltio pobl fwyaf, p'un ai'n ddarparwyr neu ddefnyddwyr gwasanaeth, yw gweld adnoddau yn cael eu defnyddio'n afraid ar bethau – ac o'r herwydd, yn dargyfeirio adnoddau prin o wasanaethau mwy defnyddiol ac adeiladol. Mae llawer gormod o hyn yn digwydd o dan y drefn bresennol, er bod nifer o gyrff eisoes wedi manylu yn fanwl ar hyn. Fe fyddai mwy o synnwyr cyffredin yn gwella pethau yn hawdd iawn, i nifer o gyfeiriadau.

Cwestiwn 19 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'r cynnig i ddiddymu'r dosbarthiadau presennol o Safonau, a gwahaniaethu rhwng 'Safonau' (a fyddai'n berthnasol i wasanaethau) a 'dyletswyddau cynllunio ieithyddol' (a fyddai'n berthnasol i ddyletswyddau corfforaethol)?

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Sylwadau ategol

Cytuno'n llwyr.

Cwestiwn 20 – A ydych chi o'r farn y dylid cynnwys darpariaethau sy'n ymwneud â Chynlluniau Strategol y Gymraeg mewn Addysg yn y ddeddfwriaeth newydd fel dyletswyddau cynllunio ieithyddol?

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Sylwadau ategol

Mae llawer gormod o “feddwl oddifewn i'r bocs” yn mynd ymlaen yng nghyd-destun addysg ar hyn o bryd. Rhaid wrth feddwl yn greadigol, gweithredu mewn ffyrdd newydd a rhannu arfer da a gwybodaeth arbenigol yn y maes o gynllunio addysg os ydym am lwyddo i gael y darn holl bwysig yma o'r jigso yn iawn.

Cwestiwn 21 – Oes yna unrhyw faterion eraill y dylid, yn eich barn chi, eu cynnwys yn y ddeddfwriaeth newydd fel dyletswyddau cynllunio ieithyddol?

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Sylwadau ategol

Dylid ehangu'r cysyniad o beth yw “addysg” – nid dim ond rhywbeth sy'n digwydd yn ffurfiol, mewn ystafelloedd dosbarth o oed 4-16 ydyw, ac nid yw ychwanegu oedrannau meithrin, addysg bellach ac addysg uwch i'r gymysgedd yn ddigonol chwaith. Rhywbeth sy'n digwydd gydol oes yw cael ein haddysgu – ac addysgu eraill. Os gallwn fod yn adeiladol a chreadigol yn y cyd-destun yma, gallwn gael pob math o fanteision eraill o “ddysgu'r gymuned sut i ddysgu”.

Cwestiwn 22 – A ydych chi'n cytuno y dylai fod gan y Comisiwn arfaethedig bwerau cyffredinol i gynnal ymchwiliadau i sut mae cyrff yn cyflawni eu dyletswyddau o ran y Gymraeg, a fyddai'n cynnwys y Safonau a'r dyletswyddau cynllunio ieithyddol?

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Sylwadau ategol

Mae angen i RYWUN gael y pwerau i gynnal ymchwiliadau, ond hefyd mae angen sicrhau bod cyrff ac unigolion yn gallu DYSGU o unrhyw ymchwiliadau.

Cwestiwn 23 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig y dylai'r Comisiwn arfaethedig fonitro a chefnogi cyrff mewn perthynas â'u dyletswyddau cynllunio ieithyddol, yn hytrach na'u gorfodi?

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Sylwadau ategol

Mi ddylid cefnogi a gorfodi mewn perthynas â dyletswyddau cynllunio ieithyddol – rhaid i’r ddau fynd law yn llaw. Mae rhai cyrff Llywodraethiant eisoes yn gwneud hyn yn llwyddiannus iawn.

Cwestiwn 24 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig i roi cyfrifoldeb am osod Safonau ar gyrff i Lywodraeth Cymru, p'un ai drwy hysbysiad cydymffurfio neu drefn arall?

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Sylwadau ategol

Rhaid i rywun wneud hyn – nid o reidrwydd Llywodraeth Cymru. Mae’n bosib mai rôl o hybu a hwyluso fyddai’n orau i Lywodraeth Cymru i fabwysiadu os oes rôl ganolog o gwbl i’r Llywodraeth o dan y trefniadau newydd.

Cwestiwn 25 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig y dylai pob un o’r rheoliadau i wneud Safonau fod yn destun ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus llawn cyn gofyn am gymeradwyaeth y Cynulliad?

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Sylwadau ategol

Does dim digon o feddwl na thrafod tu ôl y set o reoliadau presennol, fel mae’r holl anhwylustod ynglŷn â derbyn y Safonau wedi profi’n ddi-os.

Cwestiwn 26 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig i ddiddymu Ymchwiliadau Safonau?

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Sylwadau ategol

Dy’w hwn ddim yn ddigon eglur yn y papur ymgynghorol.

Cwestiwn 27 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig y dylid rhoi pwerau i gyhoeddi codau ymarfer neu ganllawiau mewn perthynas â'r Safonau i Lywodraeth Cymru?

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Sylwadau ategol

Fel uchod, rol y Llywodraeth ddylai fod i hybu a hwyluso.

Cwestiwn 28 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig y dylai Llywodraeth Cymru gael pŵer i osod Safonau ar yr holl gyrff mewn sector yn uniongyrchol drwy reoliadau, heb fod angen hysbysiad cydymffurfio neu drefn arall gyffelyb?

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Sylwadau ategol, gan gynnwys eich barn ar y materion y dylem eu hystyried wrth lunio Safonau i'w gosod yn uniongyrchol ar gyrff o fewn sector, p'un a ddylai gyrff unigol barhau â'r hawl i herio Safon sydd wedi'i gosod arnynt, a ph'un a ddylid cael proses ymgynghori fwy trwyadl.

Na – mae pob cyfundrefn yn wahanol, mae'r sefyllfa yn gwbl wahanol mewn un lle daearyddol i un arall allai fod llai na 10 milltir i ffwrdd. Yr egwyddor o “un maint yn ffitio pob peth” sydd wrth wraidd y rhan helaeth o'r anhapusrwydd gyda'r system bresennol – felly ceisiwch WELLA'R sefyllfa yn hytrach na'i waethygu, plis!

Cwestiwn 29 – Pa ffactorau y dylid eu cymryd i ystyriaeth neu pa weithdrefn y dylid ei dilyn er mwyn sicrhau bod y broses o osod Safonau ar Lywodraeth Cymru yn deg a thryloyw?

Sylwadau ategol

Cael gyrff hyd braich, sy'n annibynnol o Lywodraeth Cymru i'w wneud – neu, i feddwl y tu allan i'r blwch, mae'r Llywodraeth mewn sefyllfa unigryw, efallai bod angen trin y Llywodraeth mewn ffordd unigryw o dan unrhyw Ddeddfwriaeth newydd fel hyn.

Cwestiwn 30 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig y dylid gorfod delio â chwynion drwy weithdrefn gwyno'r corff perthnasol cyn y caiff y Comisiwn arfaethedig, sef Comisiwn y Gymraeg, ymchwilio i fethiant honedig?

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Sylwadau ategol

Does dim dadl o gwbl, RHAIID rhoi'r cyfle i'r corff perthnasol roi'n iawn unrhyw nam yn gyntaf – gwell gweithdrefnau a chanlyniadau sy'n holl bwysig, nid dilyn prosesau. Dyma lle mae'r drefn bresennol yn gwbl ben ei waered.

Cwestiwn 31 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig fod yn rhaid i gyrff gadw at weithdrefn gwyno sydd wedi'i chymeradwyo, fel y Polisi Pryderon a Chwynion Enghreifftiol?

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Sylwadau ategol

Rhaid dechrau o'r egwyddor yma – ond o gadw mewn cof mai'r canlyniad ar y ffordd o weithredu sy'n bwysig, ac nid y broses, dylid gallu gweithio hyblygrwydd i mewn i

unrhyw weithdrefn, fel bod synnwyr cyffredin yn cael ei iawn le.

Cwestiwn 32 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig mai dim ond os yw o'r farn fod yr achos honedig o dorri Safon neu weithdrefn gwyno yn un ddifrifol y dylai'r Comisiwn arfaethedig gael cymryd camau gweithredu pellach mewn perthynas â chŵyn?

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Sylwadau ategol, gan gynnwys unrhyw sylwadau ar ein diffiniad o 'achos difrifol' ym mharagraff 219.

Unwaith eto, hyblygrwydd sy'n allweddol fan hyn. Fe all fod sefyllfaoedd sydd ar yr wyneb edrych fel na tase'n nhw'n effeithio ar hawliau'r unigolyn – ond mae'r problemau "dan y wyneb" yn ddwfn. Ni ddylid colli unrhyw gyfle i ddysgu fel cyfundrefn – felly dylid cadw hyblygrwydd wrth wneud diffiniadau. Y diffyg hyblygrwydd yw un o fannau gwanaf y Ddeddfwriaeth bresennol.

Cwestiwn 33 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig i ganiatáu i'r Comisiwn arfaethedig gynnal ymchwiliad ar ei liwt ei hun?

Cytuno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Mae'r camau a amlinellir ym Mharagraffau 217 a 218 yn edrych yn ddelfrydol.

Cwestiwn 34 – A ydych chi'n cytuno fod y camau gweithredu a ddisgrifir ym mharagraff 225 yn darparu amrywiaeth effeithiol o gamau gorfodi?

Cytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol, gan gynnwys unrhyw syniadau ynghylch camau gorfodi eraill a wrthodwyd neu nad ydynt wedi cael eu hystyried yn y Papur Gwyn.

Ynddynt eu hunain, mae'r ystod o gamau yn edrych yn iawn. Fodd bynnag, beth sy'n holl bwysig dros y blynyddoedd nesaf yw ein bod ni gyd – yn ddarparwyr ac yn ddefnyddwyr gwasanaethau – yn dysgu fwy am yr hyn y dylwn fod yn gynnig er mwyn diwallu anghenion – ac os yw'r hyn yr ydym yn ei gynnig yn annigonol, sut mae gwella ein gweithdrefnau mewnol i sicrhau gwelliant yn y lefelau o wasanaeth yr ydym yn eu cynnig. Felly, efallai mai peth da byddai ychwanegiad i is-bwynt d. Ar hyd y llinellau "cytuno'r camau y dylai'r corff eu cymryd i sicrhau gwelliant mewn perfformiad, a chytuno amserlen o adolygi cynnydd yn erbyn y camau yma tan fod y corff a'r rheoleiddiwr yn hapus fod gwelliant yn sylwedd y gyfundrefn sydd y tu ôl i'r gwasanaeth."

Cwestiwn 35 – Ar hyn o bryd, mae gan y Comisiynydd bwerau i osod dirwy sifil o hyd at £5,000 ac, mewn rhai amgylchiadau, i ofyn am orchymyn llys i'w gwneud yn ofynnol i gorff gydymffurfio. A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig y dylid cadw'r pwerau hyn?

Cytuno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol, gan gynnwys unrhyw sylwadau ynghylch y ddirwy sifil uchaf y dylai'r Comisiwn arfaethedig allu ei gosod (os o gwbl).

Mae £5,000 yn iawn am y tro – ond eto mae angen hyblygrwydd i allu newid y swm yma yn y dyfodol yn ôl yr angen.

Cwestiwn 36 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig i gadw rôl y Tribiwnlys mewn perthynas â phenderfyniadau'r Comisiwn arfaethedig ynghylch gorfodi cydymffurfiaeth cyrff â'r Safonau?

Cytuno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Rhaid cael corff all gynnis rôl “hyd braich” am nifer o resymau positif.

Cwestiwn 37 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig y dylai'r Tribiwnlys hefyd ymdrin ag apelau yn erbyn penderfyniad gan Lywodraeth Cymru i osod Safonau ar gorff?

Cytuno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Fel pwynt cyfeirio “dewis ola”, pan fod pob cam synhwyrol/ pragmataidd arall wedi ei gymryd.

Cwestiwn 38 – Rydyn ni'n cynnig cyflwyno cam cyntaf gorfodol ar gyfer y Tribiwnlys mewn perthynas ag apelau yn erbyn penderfyniadau'r Comisiwn arfaethedig ynghylch gorfodi Safonau. Byddai'r cam cyntaf yn ei gwneud yn ofynnol i'r Tribiwnlys roi caniatâd ar y sail bod siawns rhesymol y bydd y cais yn llwyddo neu pan fo rheswm cryf arall pam y dylai'r cais gael ei glywed. A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig?

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Sylwadau ategol

Proses arfaethedig hollol dderbyniol.

Cwestiwn 39 – A ydych chi o'r farn y dylai'r cam cyntaf gorfodol arfaethedig fod yn gymwys i apelau yn erbyn penderfyniad gan Lywodraeth Cymru i osod Safonau ar gorff?

Ydw	✓	Nac ydw	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ansicr	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Dim sylw pellach.

Cwestiwn 40 – A oes gennych unrhyw sylwadau ychwanegol ar Ran 3 y Papur Gwyn?

Mae pwysau biwrocrataidd aruthrol yn cael ei roi ar gyfundrefnau gan y system bresennol, yn ogystal â rhai o'r costau - yn arbennig am gyfieithu dogfennau nad sy'n cael ei darllen mewn unrhyw iaith. Fe fydd gwella'r ddau beth ynddo'i hunan yn cael traweffaith bositif iawn i nifer o gyfeiriadau.

Rhan 4: Cwmpas y cyrff sy'n ddarostyngedig i ddeddfwriaeth y Gymraeg

Cwestiwn 41 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig i ddileu'r cyfyngiadau yn y Mesur fel bod Llywodraeth Cymru'n meddu ar y pŵer i wneud Safonau'n gymwys i unrhyw gorff o fewn cymhwysedd deddfwriaethol y Cynulliad?

Cytuno	✓	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Dim sylw pellach

Cwestiwn 42 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig mai dim ond mewn perthynas â'r gwasanaethau y maent yn eu cyflenwi i'w cwsmeriaid y dylai busnesau yn y sector preifat fod yn agored i orfod cydymffurfio â Safonau?

Cytuno	✓	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol, gan gynnwys eich barn ynghylch unrhyw gyfyngiadau y dylid eu rhoi ar y pwerau i osod Safonau ar fusnesau preifat.

Am y tro – ond angen hyblygrwydd i ail edrych ar hyn yn weddol reolaidd.

Cwestiwn 43 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig mai dim ond fel rhan o becyn ehangach o weithgarwch sy'n hybu'r Gymraeg ac yn cynyddu ymwybyddiaeth ohoni y dylid gosod Safonau ar fusnesau preifat?

Cytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	✓
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Sylwadau ategol

Dylai gosod, hyrwyddo a hwyluso WASTAD fynd law yn llaw, ni waeth pa sector sy'n cael ei drin.

Cwestiwn 44 – Os rhoddir pwerau i Lywodraeth Cymru i osod Safonau ar unrhyw gorff o fewn cymhwysedd y Cynulliad, a ydych chi o'r farn y dylai Safonau gael eu gosod ar unrhyw gorff neu sector nad yw ar hyn o bryd o fewn cwmpas deddfwriaeth ynghylch y Gymraeg?

Ydw	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nac ydw	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ansicr	✓
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Sylwadau ategol

Dim byd amlwg ar hyn o bryd, ond angen yr hyblygrwydd i newid yn ôl y gofyn.

Cwestiwn 45 – A oes gennych unrhyw sylwadau ychwanegol ar Ran 4 y Papur Gwyn?

Na

Rhan 5: Asesu effaith ein cynigion

Cwestiwn 46 – Rydym wedi asesu effaith ein cynigion ar gydraddoldeb, plant, pobl ifanc a'u teuluoedd, a'r Gymraeg. A oes gennych chi sylwadau ar unrhyw un o'r asesiadau hyn?

Nid yw'r Ddeddfwriaeth bresennol na'r Ddeddfwriaeth arfaethedig yn mynd i'r afael a'r ffaith nad yw'r Gymraeg yn cael ei drin yn gyfartal a'r Saesneg mewn gwirionedd o ran nifer o hawliau sylfaenol. Ee. Rhaid profi'r angen am ysgolion Cymraeg – ond nid yr angen am ysgolion Saesneg. Tan fod materion o hawliau a dewis fel hyn yn cael ei thafoli, fe fydd y Gymraeg yn cael ei drin mewn ffordd eilradd.

Cwestiwn 47 – Hoffem wybod eich barn ar yr effeithiau y byddai'r cynigion yn ein Papur Gwyn yn eu cael ar y Gymraeg, yn benodol ar:

- i) gyfleoedd i bobl ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg
- ii) peidio â thrin y Gymraeg yn llai ffafriol na'r Saesneg.

Pa effeithiau fyddai, yn eich barn chi? Sut mae cynyddu effeithiau cadarnhaol neu liniaru effeithiau negyddol?

Sylwadau ategol

- i. Ychydig iawn yn y cynigion sy'n effeithio'n uniongyrchol ar y cyfleoedd i bobl ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg - fodd bynnag, daw hyn fel effaith eilaidd o fwy o blant sy'n derbyn addysg cyfrwng Cymraeg, a mwy o oedolion yn dysgu ac yn dechrau defnyddio'r iaith. Bydd pwysau ar y corff sydd â chyfrifoldeb dros hyrwyddo'r iaith i sicrhau bod y "deunydd crai" hwn yn cael bob cyfle i ddefnyddio'r iaith mewn lluo o senarios pob dydd, yn y cartref, yn y gwaith, wrth hamdden a mewn ar-lein arall a sefyllfaoedd arall ar-lein ag all-lein.
- ii. Gweler yr ymated i 46 uchod – fel mae pethe'n sefyll, a dan y newidiadau arfaethedig, nid yw'r Gymraeg yn cael ei thrin yn gyfartal â'r Saesneg, ac mae hyn yn amlygu ei hun yn arbennig ym maes addysg. I liniaru'r effeithiau negyddol penodol hyn, dylid deddfu o blaid rhoi blaenoriaeth i ysgolion Cymraeg am gyfnod hyblyg o flynyddoedd.

Cwestiwn 48 – Eglurwch hefyd sut gellid ffurfio neu newid yr opsiynau arfaethedig:

- i) fel eu bod yn cael effeithiau cadarnhaol neu fwy o effeithiau cadarnhaol ar gyfleoedd pobl i ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg ac ar beidio â thrin y Gymraeg yn llai ffafriol na'r Saesneg
- ii) fel nad ydynt yn cael effeithiau andwyol ar gyfleoedd pobl i ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg ac ar beidio â thrin y Gymraeg yn llai ffafriol na'r Saesneg.

Sylwadau ategol

O ran y Cynghorau Sir, cwestiynau o gynllunio ieithyddol yn bennaf yw'r rhain; trwy dynnu at ei gilydd dogfennau sydd eisoes yn bodoli oddi fewn i Gynghorau Sirol ee. Strategaeth i Hybu'r Gymraeg, cynlluniau gweithredu'r Ddeddf Llesiant y Dyfodol, y "WESP", Mwy na Geiriau ayb. Yna, plethu'r gwaith yma i mewn gyda gwaith cyrff eraill sy'n weithredol yn y Maes (ee. Y Mentrau iaith, Mudiad Meithrin, Yr Urdd), yn ogystal â gweithio'n strategol ym meysydd Addysg, Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol - a hyn oll o dan oruchwyliaeth strategol ganolog. Wedyn gallwn ddechrau meddwl a

gweithredu mewn ffordd cydgysylltiedig er mwyn sicrhau hawliau a chyfleoedd i siaradwyr Cymraeg. Mater o hybu ymhellach wedyn fydd annog bobl i ddefnyddio eu Cymraeg, ond yma ym Merthyr y'n ni eisoes yn mynd i'r afael a'r dasg anferth yma drwy greu a rhannu ein hathroniaeth o #Shwmaeronment.

Cwestiwn 49 – Rydym wedi gofyn nifer o gwestiynau penodol. Os oes gennych chi faterion perthnasol nad ydym wedi rhoi sylw penodol iddynt, defnyddiwch y blwch isod i roi gwybod i ni amdanynt.

Nid yw'r Strwythur Arfaethedig yn glir o gwbl. Pam dileu'r Comisiynydd? Dim ond eisiau ychwanegu corff/ adran sydd yn hybu a hwyluso sydd angen – does dim angen newid pellach yn y strwythur.

Deddfwriaeth newydd yw dechrau'r daith yn unig - bydd y cynlluniau gweithredu sy'n disgyn allan o hyn, ac awydd pobl Cymru i ddefnyddio eu hiaith fydd yr allwedd go iawn i lwyddiant.

Mae ymatebion i ymgynghoriadau yn debygol o gael eu gwneud yn gyhoeddus, ar y rhyngrwyd neu mewn adroddiad. Os byddai'n well gennych i'ch ymateb aros yn ddienw, ticiwch yma:



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About the National Education Union Cymru

- The National Education Union Cymru stands up for the future of education. It brings together the voices of teachers, lecturers, support staff and leaders working in maintained and independent schools and colleges to form the largest education union in Wales.
- The National Education Union is affiliated to the Trades Union Congress (TUC), European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE) and Education International (EI). It is not affiliated to any political party and seeks to work constructively with all the main political parties.

Together, we'll shape the future of education

NEU Cymru welcomes a long-term strategic view of increasing the number of Welsh speakers in Wales. We do have some concerns about the details within the strategy and overall would highlight the need for more resources, especially within the education sector.

We believe it is important to have a series of interim steps by which the success of the strategy is reviewed against. If the overall aim of 1 million Welsh speakers is to be achieved we need to know that the measures put in place are working.

We strongly believe that the education system is key to helping achieve 1 million Welsh speakers by 2050. Children and young people need the opportunities in school, college and university to learn, use and extend their knowledge of the Welsh language. Adults also need those same opportunities to ensure Welsh becomes a language which is used every day.

However, without clear funding commitment for CPD for current teachers, lecturers and support staff, changes to ITET and with cuts to the funding for adult and community learning over recent years,¹ it is difficult to see how the proposals will work.

Our membership is made up from teachers, lecturers and support staff who will all have a pivotal role in delivering the proposals. Our members tell us more money is needed in the education system as well as clear commitments on CPD and training.

People – both children and adults – need opportunities to learn Welsh at every level. It is difficult to see how these objectives will be met within the current context of cuts in the post-16² sector and adult and community learning.

In the last few years the FE sector and community and adult learning has seen significant funding cuts. We believe that the current arrangements for community and adult learning arrangements must be extended to ensure that those who learn Welsh as an adult have the opportunity to do so on a full or part-time basis, at evening, weekend, daytime and residential courses in order to suit their own circumstances.

¹ <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-25755799>

² <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-politics-41721307>

The expectations for ITET should be clearly set out, or if not, how the changes to ITET will help improve the number of Welsh speakers in Wales. In addition, CPD opportunities for everyone in the education system must include fully funded Welsh lessons so that the whole workforce is able to communicate in Welsh.

You cannot extend the rights of Welsh speakers without the adequate resources to meet any demand. Whilst it is clear that learners should be able to access Welsh at all levels of education, this is not realistic without an increase in resources to ensure that the teachers, lecturers and support staff have had training to deliver this.

We believe education should be given support to help with its contribution to the strategy. There should be a clear strategy to ensure that the education sector is given clear support and that the measures are supportive rather than a new series of expectations placed on the education sector without more resources. Rights and duties alone will not change behaviours if the workforce is not there to help with Welsh teaching and learning.

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Part 1: Promoting the Welsh language

Question 1 – In paragraphs 49–54, we have set out the role we propose the Welsh Government should play in promoting the Welsh language, i.e. the Government promotional functions. Do you agree with our proposal?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including whether any fields should be added or taken away from the list in paragraph 53.

Not something that we need to spend tax payer's money on. Enough is being wasted at a local authority level on dual language enforcement.

Question 2 – In Table 1 we have outlined the resources related to general promotional functions which we think should be available to any body or bodies involved in promoting the Welsh language and monitoring and enforcing compliance with Standards. Do you agree with our proposal?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Not necessary. The Welsh language will survive if it meets the needs of its speakers. Bodies that try to constrain and define language - like in France, for example, at best are ignored and at worst alienate young speakers who are needed to continue the language to future generations.

Question 3 – Do you agree with our preferred option (Option 4) to have a single body responsible for promoting the Welsh language as well as monitoring and enforcing compliance with Standards?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If not, please state which option (including options we have not discussed in the White Paper) you believe we should consider.

Supporting comments

No body should exist to monitor or enforce compliance with a language. Let it evolve to meet the needs of its users. Discard any powers currently used to interfere in this way.

Question 4 – We have based our preference for a single body on the grounds of clarity, synergy and value for money. Do you agree with our rationale?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Centralisation never saves money in government, and it constrains both officials and taxpayers from carrying out their day to day duties. "Synergy" is a BS word you have probably paid a management consultant to shoe-horn into a document.

Question 5 – What other relevant issues should we consider in making our final proposal as to which body or bodies should carry out work to promote the Welsh language and monitor and enforce compliance with Standards?

Supporting comments

You should seek to minimise all of government's activities, not extend its reach. If they genuinely believe there is a need for such a body, ministers should fund it out of their own pockets for a year to demonstrate it is needed.

Question 6 – Do you have any further comments on Part 1 of the White Paper?

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Part 2: Governance and accountability

Question 7 – In paragraphs 93–95 we have set out some general requirements regarding the body's governance and accountability arrangements. What are your views on these general requirements, and are there other checks and balances you believe should apply to the proposed body?

Supporting comments

The body should not exist, so this is irrelevant.

Question 8 – Do you agree with our preferred option (Option 3), to establish a Welsh Language Commission to promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh language and monitor and enforce bodies' compliance with Standards?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

The Welsh language will survive without the interference of either a commission or local authority officers.

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Question 9 – What are your thoughts on the analysis we have provided which supports our preference for Option 3? Are there any other considerations we should take into account in making any final proposal?

I think that you have spent far too much money and time on the analysis.
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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

"A power to request advice" - vacuous nonsense. Abolish WLPC, and don't establish WLC.

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Part 3: The Welsh Language Standards

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Supporting comments

Enforcement will only lead to rebellion.
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Question 48 – Please also explain how you believe the proposed options could be formulated or changed so as to have:

- i) positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language
- ii) no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

Supporting comments

Nobody in Wales has ever been unable to order a cup of tea - or request services from their local authority - through an inability to communicate in their second language.

Question 49 – We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them.

Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here:



Part 1: Promoting the Welsh language

Question 1 – In paragraphs 49–54, we have set out the role we propose the Welsh Government should play in promoting the Welsh language, i.e. the Government promotional functions. Do you agree with our proposal?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including whether any fields should be added or taken away from the list in paragraph 53.

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Question 2 – In Table 1 we have outlined the resources related to general promotional functions which we think should be available to any body or bodies involved in promoting the Welsh language and monitoring and enforcing compliance with Standards. Do you agree with our proposal?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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If not, please state which option (including options we have not discussed in the White Paper) you believe we should consider.

Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Part 2: Governance and accountability

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

Speaking Welsh is an opportunity in itself, for prosperity and growth individually. Bilingualism has high benefits, we need to grasp this issue by its balls and do something now. As I said previously; Welsh should be taught as first language in primary and secondary schools. After all, this is Wales right? Not England. We have the right to speak our language before English. Germany teaches German first, France teaches French first, Russia teaches Russian first. Why is it different here in Wales? Not to mention the "welsh knot" where children in Wales were punished for speaking Welsh.... disgusting. But we as a nation can change it. We can make Wales, WALES.

Not England's puppet. This is our language and we must save and defend it. i.e; make it our national first language.

Also, road signs should have Welsh at the top, not English. It makes sense linguistically.

It's our right to speak the language. This is our language.

I don't see any negative effects being produced by this.

Englishman: "If you want to live in my country you've got to learn the language"

moves to Wales

"How dare you make my kids learn Welsh" - iconic failure at its greatest. Fair is fair.

If we live in Wales, we should speak the language. It's only fair.

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Part 1: Promoting the Welsh language

Question 1 – In paragraphs 49–54, we have set out the role we propose the Welsh Government should play in promoting the Welsh language, i.e. the Government promotional functions. Do you agree with our proposal?

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Supporting comments, including whether any fields should be added or taken away from the list in paragraph 53.

The consultation, together with current and proposed policy, is fundamentally flawed in that most people responding will be politically active and in favour of a continued strengthening of Welsh language promotion and enforcement. You will not receive the view of the average person living in Wales, most of whom do not want current legislation strengthened. Even people who are informed often feel unable to speak openly in the subject (mainly English only speakers). Many of these currently or previously work(ed) for local or central government. The result of this continual 'ramping up' of the promotion and enforcement of the Welsh language, rather than giving people choice will lead to greater and greater division and resentment. Of course the subject is highly complex, coming from a place where great wrongs were done to Welsh speakers many years ago. However, we are where we are and if moderation is not applied, together with recognition of some choice, Wales will not become the highly dynamic and forward thinking country it has the potential to become. In particular private industry will not invest here and others will seek work elsewhere.

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Supporting comments

Again, increasing amounts of much needed resources are being focused in areas where there are high levels of waste. I continually witness money being spent on simultaneous translation services that are either not used or used in a tokenistic way (i.e. to justify the provision of the service through a few questions in Welsh). Documents are also highly expensive due to additional printing costs. If people had a choice rather than all being produced bilingually costs would be reduced. There are also other areas of wastage.

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Supporting comments

I think one body makes sense. It's the scale of the change and resultant power that I strongly disagree with. I am also totally confident that if the general public were fully informed on these issues, and were able to respond in an accessible way (rather than through long pdf documents that few will even be aware of let alone read).

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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It totally saddens and frustrates me that my comments will have no influence at all on the outcomes of this consultation. My views will be part of a significant minority of people (who have similar views) and be totally subsumed by those much more politically active and extreme promoters of the Welsh language who have a self declared aim of an independent Wales where everyone speaks Welsh. I totally support people's right to speak their native language, however, this has to be moderated with some pragmatism. We need Wales to be a dynamic country that values and supports everyone, attracts new and vibrant business into the Country and does not stoke up Nationalistic division.

Part 2: Governance and accountability

Question 7 – In paragraphs 93–95 we have set out some general requirements regarding the body's governance and accountability arrangements. What are your views on these general requirements, and are there other checks and balances you believe should apply to the proposed body?

Supporting comments

I agree with much of this, particularly the need to 'reach out to new and different groups' and 'maintain the confidence of stakeholders'. However, the stark reality is that this consultation - and hence the new Bill will already be flawed in that it will not do this - i.e. as stated earlier most people will not even know about the consultation. Even if they do know of it they will not have the perseverance to wade through all these documents. Welsh Government talks a lot about the importance of stakeholder engagement and co-production etc but often does little (beyond tokenistic consultations such as this) to really reach out to normal people and find out what they really think. Again, the result is a skewed view based on that minority who are politically active.

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Supporting comments

I am all for promotion in this area. I am totally against enforcement. This will only stoke up resentment (as has already occurred in a number of local authorities). This resentment will grow and extend more into the private sector also.

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Supporting comments

The Commission as currently proposed will never be truly independent, it will have a particular political bias and agenda from the word go.

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Supporting comments

Everything that I have said earlier

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Supporting comments

At this point I am totally running out of energy.

Question 16 – Do you have any further comments on Part 2 of the White Paper?

I would like some of my comments, and those people who have provided similar comments (a guaranteed minority) to be shared with politicians of all parties in the Assembly in order to provide some balanced debate.

Part 3: The Welsh Language Standards

Question 17 – We propose that a reformed model of the Standards (Option 2) should be adopted as the best way to ensure people's rights to receive Welsh language services. Do you agree with this proposal?

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People have a right to Welsh language services. Providers of services also have some rights. In monopolies (such as LAs, Utilities etc) standards need to be in place and enforced. Where people have a choice (e.g. most of private sector) organisations should be able to provide their services how they wish - to a degree

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Supporting comments

You really have totally lost me at this point. I could spend hours reading and trying to understand the documents but really do not have the energy.

Question 20 – Are you of the opinion that provisions relating to the Welsh in Education Strategic Plans should be included within the new legislation as language planning duties?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Again, education is an area where there is growing division amongst families who want Welsh Language provision and those who do not. These are not good signs at all for the future. I say this an ex HMI within Estyn

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Supporting comments

This is a 'beast' that could get totally out of control. Again - stoking resentment and division.

Question 23 – Do you agree with our proposal that the proposed Commission should monitor and support bodies in relation to their language planning duties, rather than enforce them?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Depends who the bodies are - i.e. if they are monopolies maybe yes. If the standards are balanced which they are not.

Question 25 – Do you agree with our proposal that all regulations to make Standards should be subject to a full public consultation before seeking the approval of the Assembly?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Totally agree. however, the 'trick' is ensuring it is an inclusive and accessible process, unlike this one!

Question 26 – Do you agree with our proposal to abolish Standards Investigations?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Question 27 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should be given powers to issue codes of practice or guidance relating to the Standards?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 28 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should have a power to impose Standards on all the bodies in a sector directly through regulations without the need for a compliance notice or other such mechanism?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including your views on the factors we should take into account in drafting Standards to be imposed directly on bodies within a sector, whether individual bodies should retain the right to challenge the imposition of a Standard, and whether there should be an enhanced consultation process.

No - because this indicates no right of appeal?

Question 29 – What factors should we take into account or what procedure should we follow in order to ensure the process for imposing Standards on the Welsh Government is fair and transparent?

Supporting comments

Question 30 – Do you agree with our proposal that complaints should have to be dealt with through the relevant body's complaints procedure first before the proposed Welsh Language Commission can investigate an alleged failure?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 31 – Do you agree with our proposal that bodies must adhere to an approved complaints procedure, such as the Model Concerns and Complaints Policy?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 32 – Do you agree with our proposal that the proposed Commission should only take further action regarding a complaint if it believes the alleged breach of a Standard or complaints procedure is serious?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including any comments on our definition of a 'serious breach' in paragraph 219.

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Question 33 – Do you agree with our proposal to allow the proposed Commission to conduct an investigation of its own initiative?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Do you mean 'on' its own initiative?

Question 34 – Do you agree that the actions set out in paragraph 225 provide an effective range of enforcement action?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including any thoughts on alternative enforcement actions that have been rejected or not considered in the White Paper.

As before - enforcement results in resentment and division which ultimately leads to conflict. Very sad.
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Question 35 – Currently, the Commissioner has powers to impose a civil fine of up to £5,000 and in some circumstances to request a court order to require a body to comply. Do you agree with our proposal that these powers should be retained?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including any comments on the maximum civil fine that the proposed Commission should be able to impose (if at all).

There should be no sanctions, Only advice and support

Question 36 – Do you agree with our proposal to retain the Tribunal's role in relation to the proposed Commission's decisions regarding enforcing bodies' compliance with Standards?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 37 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Tribunal should also deal with appeals against a decision of the Welsh Government to impose Standards on a body?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 38 – We propose to introduce a mandatory first stage for the Tribunal in relation to appeals against the proposed Commission's decisions concerning enforcing Standards. The first stage would require the Tribunal to give permission on the grounds that an application has a reasonable chance of success or another compelling reason why the application should be heard. Do you agree with our proposal?

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Supporting comments

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Question 39 – Do you believe that the proposed mandatory first stage should apply to appeals against a decision of the Welsh Government to impose Standards on a body?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 40 – Do you have any further comments on Part 3 of the White Paper?

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Part 4: The scope of bodies covered by Welsh language legislation

Question 41 – Do you agree with our proposal to remove the constraints in the Measure so that the Welsh Government has the power to make Standards applicable to any body within the Assembly's legislative competence?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 42 – Do you agree with our proposal that private sector businesses should only be liable to comply with Standards that relate to the services they provide to their customers?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including your views on any limits that should be placed on the powers to impose Standards on private businesses.

Private sector businesses should not be within the remit of this Bill unless they are a monopoly
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Question 43 – Do you agree with our proposal that Standards should only be imposed on private businesses as part of a wider package of promotional and awareness raising initiatives?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 44 – If the Welsh Government is given powers to impose Standards on any body within the Assembly's competence, do you believe that Standards should be imposed on any body or sector that is not currently within the scope of Welsh language legislation?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Part 5: Assessing the impact of our proposals

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- i) opportunities for people to use Welsh
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What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Supporting comments

The reality is that in a world that is changing and developing at a greater and greater pace, Wales needs to be somewhere that makes everyone feel valued and included. It also needs to be a place the business wants to invest in and where everyone can communicate effectively. The reality is (right now and in the future) that English will be that mode of communication. The challenge is alongside this ensuring that people who wish to use the Welsh language can do so. An almost impossible challenge.

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Supporting comments

There needs to be an open and inclusive debate on this, recognising that all views are not being aired due to people feeling overawed and afraid (there could probably be a better word than this) of the extreme Welsh Language lobby.

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Supporting comments

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Yes should never be forced on people and english speaking people should not be exempt from applying for public sector jobs Welsh is not essential when you can do the job.
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Question 22 – Do you agree that the proposed Commission should have general powers to conduct examinations into how bodies meet their Welsh language duties, which would include both the Standards and the language planning duties?

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Question 34 – Do you agree that the actions set out in paragraph 225 provide an effective range of enforcement action?

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Supporting comments

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Question 40 – Do you have any further comments on Part 3 of the White Paper?

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Part 4: The scope of bodies covered by Welsh language legislation

Question 41 – Do you agree with our proposal to remove the constraints in the Measure so that the Welsh Government has the power to make Standards applicable to any body within the Assembly's legislative competence?

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Supporting comments

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Question 43 – Do you agree with our proposal that Standards should only be imposed on private businesses as part of a wider package of promotional and awareness raising initiatives?

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Supporting comments

Question 44 – If the Welsh Government is given powers to impose Standards on any body within the Assembly's competence, do you believe that Standards should be imposed on any body or sector that is not currently within the scope of Welsh language legislation?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 45 – Do you have any further comments on Part 4 of the White Paper?

Part 5: Assessing the impact of our proposals

Question 46 – We have assessed the impact of our proposals on equality, children, young people and their families, and the Welsh language. Do you have comments on any of these assessments?

Yes English speaking children will move out of Wales after school because if a job

requires you to speak Welsh then thats discriminatory against said person my son already has chosen his college after school and it isnt in Wales!!

Question 47 – We would like to know your views on the effects that the proposals in our White Paper would have on the Welsh language, specifically on:

- i) opportunities for people to use Welsh
- ii) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Supporting comments

It will always be a language of the few out of 100 people through my shop i can count on one hand how many speak Welsh.

Question 48 – Please also explain how you believe the proposed options could be formulated or changed so as to have:

- i) positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language
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Supporting comments

Question 49 – We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them.

Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here:



Part 1: Promoting the Welsh language

Question 1 – In paragraphs 49–54, we have set out the role we propose the Welsh Government should play in promoting the Welsh language, i.e. the Government promotional functions. Do you agree with our proposal?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including whether any fields should be added or taken away from the list in paragraph 53.

Money should be directed to schemes such as health, education, other than the continual throwing of money to Welsh language only schools, transport, job creation and a higher standard of living, rather than vanity issues that pander to the views of the minority, and a diminishing number of the people who use the language in this country.

Question 2 – In Table 1 we have outlined the resources related to general promotional functions which we think should be available to any body or bodies involved in promoting the Welsh language and monitoring and enforcing compliance with Standards. Do you agree with our proposal?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

See above.

Question 3 – Do you agree with our preferred option (Option 4) to have a single body responsible for promoting the Welsh language as well as monitoring and enforcing compliance with Standards?

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If not, please state which option (including options we have not discussed in the White Paper) you believe we should consider.

Supporting comments

There should not be an option, until a referendum on the subject is held. Which should be held with only people on the electoral roll being allowed to vote. Unlike, the nationalists in Scotland giving everybody, except babes in arms, the vote to try and achieve their aim. Of course the zealots could perhaps, include the citizens of Patagonia in the voting system to boost their numbers.

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Question 4 – We have based our preference for a single body on the grounds of clarity, synergy and value for money. Do you agree with our rationale?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

See abov.

Question 5 – What other relevant issues should we consider in making our final proposal as to which body or bodies should carry out work to promote the Welsh language and monitor and enforce compliance with Standards?

Supporting comments

They should be dibanded and the money saved put to a better use, for the benefit of all the people of Wales.

Question 6 – Do you have any further comments on Part 1 of the White Paper?

It could be used to help start a bonfire of vanities.

Part 2: Governance and accountability

Question 7 – In paragraphs 93–95 we have set out some general requirements regarding the body’s governance and accountability arrangements. What are your views on these general requirements, and are there other checks and balances you believe should apply to the proposed body?

Supporting comments

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Question 8 – Do you agree with our preferred option (Option 3), to establish a Welsh Language Commission to promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh language and monitor and enforce bodies’ compliance with Standards?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 9 – What are your thoughts on the analysis we have provided which supports our preference for Option 3? Are there any other considerations we should take into account in making any final proposal?

Question 10 – Do you believe Option 3 provides sufficient safeguards in relation to the independence of the proposed Commission in exercising its functions in monitoring and enforcing bodies' compliance with Standards?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 11 – Are there any additional matters to those listed in paragraphs 121–122 that we should consider regarding arrangements to establish the proposed Commission?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 12 – Do you agree with our proposal to move the requirement on the Welsh Government to produce a Welsh language strategy from the Government of Wales Act 2006 to the new Welsh Language Bill?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 13 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should report to the Assembly on the Welsh language strategy every five years instead of annually?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 14 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should publish a plan setting out how it will implement the strategy every five years instead of annually?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 15 – Do you agree with our proposal to abolish the Welsh Language Partnership Council and provide the Welsh Government with a power to request advice from the proposed Welsh Language Commission?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 16 – Do you have any further comments on Part 2 of the White Paper?

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Part 3: The Welsh Language Standards

Question 17 – We propose that a reformed model of the Standards (Option 2) should be adopted as the best way to ensure people's rights to receive Welsh language services. Do you agree with this proposal?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including (if relevant) any further reforms you would like to see made to the current system, or any alternative approaches you think we should consider.

English is spoken and understood all over Wales.
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Question 18 – We have based our preferred proposal for reformed Standards (Option 2) on the grounds of the clarity, capacity for improvement and the costs of change associated with each option (paragraphs 163–165). Do you agree with our analysis?

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Supporting comments, including (if relevant) any other factors we should take into account in making any final proposals.

Money saved, could be put to better use.

Question 19 – Do you agree with the proposal to abolish the current classes of Standards and differentiate between ‘Standards’ (which would relate to services) and ‘language planning duties’ (which would relate to corporate duties)?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 20 – Are you of the opinion that provisions relating to the Welsh in Education Strategic Plans should be included within the new legislation as language planning duties?

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

The Welsh language should be offered alongside other languages on the prospectus.

Question 21 – Are there any other matters which you believe should be included in the new legislation as language planning duties?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 22 – Do you agree that the proposed Commission should have general powers to conduct examinations into how bodies meet their Welsh language duties, which would include both the Standards and the language planning duties?

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Supporting comments

The proposed commission is yet another way to waste taxpayers money.

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

Everything in government should be transparent.

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Why do we need a Welsh Language Commission in the first place?.

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I really didn't realise we were living in a dictatorship.

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Part 4: The scope of bodies covered by Welsh language legislation

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think businesses should be left to do business, there seems to be enough red tape as it is, without adding more.

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Again I really don't agree with imposing a language on people and businesses.

Part 5: Assessing the impact of our proposals

Question 46 – We have assessed the impact of our proposals on equality, children, young people and their families, and the Welsh language. Do you have comments on any of these assessments?

It has been shown countless times that children attending Welsh language schools, invariably speak English when out socialising with their friends, which I think is true reflection of the majority of children. And, also a great number of their parents and family members speak only English.

Question 47 – We would like to know your views on the effects that the proposals in our White Paper would have on the Welsh language, specifically on:

- i) opportunities for people to use Welsh
- ii) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Supporting comments

It seems to me that that the object of the exercise is to treat the Welsh language more favourably than English. Thus alienating a great number of people and companies.

Question 48 – Please also explain how you believe the proposed options could be formulated or changed so as to have:

- i) positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language
- ii) no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

Supporting comments

I believe what I said earlier, that the Welsh language should be used as and when people want, but not at the expense of the majority of Welsh people, and remember Welsh people who speak English are as much Welsh as those who do.

Question 49 – We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them.

Why this crusade in support of the Welsh language at what seems to be to the detriment of the three r's, as as been reported.

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Question 1 – In paragraphs 49–54, we have set out the role we propose the Welsh Government should play in promoting the Welsh language, i.e. the Government promotional functions. Do you agree with our proposal?

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If not, please state which option (including options we have not discussed in the White Paper) you believe we should consider.

Supporting comments

There should be as small as possible a group that can keep the language alive but not impinge on my wallet. I understand this is our culture but so is rugby and if i want to watch it i pay for it and do not have to support it if i do not want to. The welsh language is not a modern language and is not used anywhere else except for a small proportion of a small nation.

Question 4 – We have based our preference for a single body on the grounds of clarity, synergy and value for money. Do you agree with our rationale?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 5 – What other relevant issues should we consider in making our final proposal as to which body or bodies should carry out work to promote the Welsh language and monitor and enforce compliance with Standards?

Supporting comments

Theres that word ..enforce,this is what everybody i know thinks of the welsh language it is being enforced and its costing me money.

Question 6 – Do you have any further comments on Part 1 of the White Paper?

Promote modern wales not an ancient language.

Part 2: Governance and accountability

Question 7 – In paragraphs 93–95 we have set out some general requirements regarding the body’s governance and accountability arrangements. What are your views on these general requirements, and are there other checks and balances you believe should apply to the proposed body?

Supporting comments

If this body was very small and cheap to the taxpayer,or is this just another layer of the welsh goverment.

Question 8 – Do you agree with our preferred option (Option 3), to establish a Welsh Language Commission to promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh language and monitor and enforce bodies’ compliance with Standards?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Layer upon layer of nonsense.

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

Yes you can look up your own backside and it will smell of roses.

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Supporting comments

Come on Wales get a grip this is all nonsense.

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I hope my comments are taken in the spirit i have written them but as an ordinary working taxpayer all this seems like more layers of beauroracy as if the welsh

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This sounds good but your still going to be there telling us what to do buttee.

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Supporting comments

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You are employed by us.

Part 5: Assessing the impact of our proposals

Question 46 – We have assessed the impact of our proposals on equality, children, young people and their families, and the Welsh language. Do you have comments on any of these assessments?

If they want to speak welsh get a cd and learn at no cost to me.

Question 47 – We would like to know your views on the effects that the proposals in our White Paper would have on the Welsh language, specifically on:

- i) opportunities for people to use Welsh
- ii) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Supporting comments

I am 62 born in wales and have never had the need to speak welsh in wales and unless i went to patagonia would never hear anybody speaking welsh anywhere else in the world, Buisness is spoken in english all over the world welsh is spoken by a miniscule amount of people and is of no use to you as soon as you cross the severn bridge..these are hard times any amount of money no matter how small that can be saved surely is a good idea.

Question 48 – Please also explain how you believe the proposed options could be formulated or changed so as to have:

- i) positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language
- ii) no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

Supporting comments

What about polish which has more people speaking it than welsh where i live, or german french italian etc etc,

Question 49 – We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them.

To much time and money on an irellavancy in most welsh peoples lives.

Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here:



Part 1: Promoting the Welsh language

Question 1 – In paragraphs 49–54, we have set out the role we propose the Welsh Government should play in promoting the Welsh language, i.e. the Government promotional functions. Do you agree with our proposal?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including whether any fields should be added or taken away from the list in paragraph 53.

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Question 2 – In Table 1 we have outlined the resources related to general promotional functions which we think should be available to any body or bodies involved in promoting the Welsh language and monitoring and enforcing compliance with Standards. Do you agree with our proposal?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

There is no mention of support for local authorities for which compliance with the standards is hugely costly.

Question 3 – Do you agree with our preferred option (Option 4) to have a single body responsible for promoting the Welsh language as well as monitoring and enforcing compliance with Standards?

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If not, please state which option (including options we have not discussed in the White Paper) you believe we should consider.

Supporting comments

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Question 4 – We have based our preference for a single body on the grounds of clarity, synergy and value for money. Do you agree with our rationale?

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Supporting comments

Question 5 – What other relevant issues should we consider in making our final proposal as to which body or bodies should carry out work to promote the Welsh language and monitor and enforce compliance with Standards?

Supporting comments

Question 6 – Do you have any further comments on Part 1 of the White Paper?

Part 2: Governance and accountability

Question 7 – In paragraphs 93–95 we have set out some general requirements regarding the body’s governance and accountability arrangements. What are your views on these general requirements, and are there other checks and balances you believe should apply to the proposed body?

Supporting comments

Question 8 – Do you agree with our preferred option (Option 3), to establish a Welsh Language Commission to promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh language and monitor and enforce bodies’ compliance with Standards?

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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More lay members of the commission

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Supporting comments, including any comments on our definition of a ‘serious breach’ in paragraph 219.

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Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 34 – Do you agree that the actions set out in paragraph 225 provide an effective range of enforcement action?

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

large companies that trade in Wales

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Welsh should Be a choice not forced on people. More people speak Welsh than write it. We waste public money issuing documents in Welsh that people don't want. They always ask for the English version when asked. I ignore emails if I can't instantly see what they are about, so individual choice is the key .

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Supporting comments

Waste of public funds to set up a separate body. . Good to promote and keep the language alive but not to force on people, they should have a choice and also makes noise essential as I'm often having to correct English in documents written by Welsh only staff especially when needed outside Wales.

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

Enough enforcement amongst publicaccess bodies, Welsh is very clearly supported and pushed already , in some areas such as recruitment it is already discriminating.

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Supporting comments

Too controlling almost discriminating, agree push more spoken Welsh but not as much written into evidence of requests are obvious.
Stage show very small % few Welsh documents compared to English

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Supporting comments

Too controlling, already heavy burden, time and costs on organisations to comply.

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Cost and use of written document provision. Low %requests in Welsh written. High spoken % which is to be encouraged

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

Stop wasting money setting up expensive commissions and more on NHS

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Not to spend any more than now

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People's health and rights for nhs require more funding, language is important but not as much as health

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Supporting comments

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Reduce process and filter complaints is a good idea.
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Supporting comments

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Don't impose encourage,

Part 5: Assessing the impact of our proposals

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What about the impact on small businesses? How did you do down I pact assessment ? I'm not aware of anybody that has been involved, so how does it represent average households?

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- i) opportunities for people to use Welsh
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What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Supporting comments

Don't impose, encourage to get more learners on board. No discrimination in the government workplaces as tends to be with recruitment from my experience some only get the job if fluent Welsh yet poor written English. We are forced to advertise a high level of Welsh yet don't deal with public and other skills are more essential.

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Supporting comments

No adverse effects when using English as well.

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Part 1: Promoting the Welsh language

Question 1 – In paragraphs 49–54, we have set out the role we propose the Welsh Government should play in promoting the Welsh language, i.e. the Government promotional functions. Do you agree with our proposal?

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Supporting comments, including whether any fields should be added or taken away from the list in paragraph 53.

I do not believe the government of Wales should be promoting any minority language. The "Welsh" language has been dying out since the 1800's for the simple reason it did not allow adequate communication with an ever widening society. An analysis shows that a substantial part of it is Norman-French from Latin, and English, with comparatively little that could be definitively described as "Celtic". It is therefore on a par with other dialects found elsewhere in Britain, such as the Geordie of Tyneside, of the predominantly Danish-based West Yorkshire dialect. There are also very large areas of what is now Wales that haven't used the Welsh dialect for far more than 200 years, or indeed never used it. To force a language on everyone that is not part of their "culture" or "heritage" is quite unacceptable. If a language or dialect is passed on through the family, all well and good, but for those of us who have absolutely no use for it when neither our friends nor family use it, it is a waste of our time, and a waste of taxpayers money. May I respectfully remind you that had Dylan Thomas written in "Welsh" hardly anyone outside a tiny minority of Welsh speakers would ever have heard of him. Which brings me to the fact that the variety of English spoken in Wales is specific to Wales, having a grammar, pronunciation, and to some extent vocabulary that is distinct and special to Wales. It is on a par with Scots English, Irish English, Canadian English, Australian English and all other forms of English spoken throughout the world. And whilst each is distinct, they are all mutually intelligible. They are therefore languages of power and opportunity. It is time you accepted that for 99.9% of adults living in Wales their first language is English and for the vast majority of them, Welsh is of no use or interest. English is therefore the language of Wales.

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Supporting comments

Irrelevant - see my opening statement. If a "language" has to be safeguarded, it is obviously of insufficient relevance to enough people to be worthwhile. Languages change and die according to how useful they are, and nothing governments can do, short of actions that do not comply with Human Rights, will change that.

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

The Welsh education system is not delivering essential core subjects adequately as it is, and at secondary level, the pushing of "Welsh" at the expense of genuinely useful foreign languages is unacceptable.

Question 21 – Are there any other matters which you believe should be included in the new legislation as language planning duties?

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As above

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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N/a

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Supporting comments

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What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here:

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Part 1: Promoting the Welsh language

Question 1 – In paragraphs 49–54, we have set out the role we propose the Welsh Government should play in promoting the Welsh language, i.e. the Government promotional functions. Do you agree with our proposal?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including whether any fields should be added or taken away from the list in paragraph 53.

stop wasting money on this, there are far more pressing issues that need attention than how many people speak Welsh

Question 2 – In Table 1 we have outlined the resources related to general promotional functions which we think should be available to any body or bodies involved in promoting the Welsh language and monitoring and enforcing compliance with Standards. Do you agree with our proposal?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Again, stop wasting money on vanity projects. Not everyone thinks Welsh is important and by allocating so much money to it other more important issues suffer

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If not, please state which option (including options we have not discussed in the White Paper) you believe we should consider.

Supporting comments

Just leave it alone, if people want to use Welsh they will, and those of us who don't aren't penalised or treated like second class citizens.

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Supporting comments

Question 5 – What other relevant issues should we consider in making our final proposal as to which body or bodies should carry out work to promote the Welsh language and monitor and enforce compliance with Standards?

Supporting comments

This should not even be getting funding, this smacks of 'jobs for the boys'. Only a select few people will benefit and the rest of us will pay a high price for their overinflated salaries.

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Part 2: Governance and accountability

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Supporting comments

Every penny must be accounted for and publicly available for scrutiny. All salaries must be published. Value for money must be verified and if this is not being provided this quango must immediately be disbanded.

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Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Yet more high paid jobs for the Welsh speaking 'elite' who's vision ends at the border, duplicating everything costs far too much, just ascertain what language someone wants to use and allow them to use that, English is still an official language, I shouldn't have to recycle/bin so much Welsh language information, I don't want to have to read something twice I just want to be able to live my life in English and not be hounded by this government to change and waste my taxes on

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You should take into account not everyone supports this, not everyone wants to stay in Wales, not everyone wants their children's education limited by politicians vanity projects. There should be a choice. Not an imposition. Welsh language in my home is now hated due to this. It will now never be supported as it has taken away a significant choice from my child.

Question 10 – Do you believe Option 3 provides sufficient safeguards in relation to the independence of the proposed Commission in exercising its functions in monitoring and enforcing bodies' compliance with Standards?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

No, no and no. As with most things Cardiff Bay decides it looks as though far too many handshakes take place behind closed doors and then those decisions are steamrollered over the population. I still haven't seen evidence that there are a million people who want to speak Welsh or care to. You are driving talent straight out of this country and will cement Wales as the poverty capital of the developed world with this narrow minded focus.

Question 11 – Are there any additional matters to those listed in paragraphs 121–122 that we should consider regarding arrangements to establish the proposed Commission?

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

There needs to be far more scrutiny of the total amount of money needed for this and what measures will be taken to remove this agency if it is shown to have failed. Do not spend money on this when people are waiting ridiculous amounts of time for hospital treatment!

Question 12 – Do you agree with our proposal to move the requirement on the Welsh Government to produce a Welsh language strategy from the Government of Wales Act 2006 to the new Welsh Language Bill?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 13 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should report to the Assembly on the Welsh language strategy every five years instead of annually?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

What is the point of this if you only report every 5 years? Where is the scrutiny? When will the evidence surface? This looks like an attempt to funnel money into peoples pockets with very little oversight or accountability.

Question 14 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should publish a plan setting out how it will implement the strategy every five years instead of annually?

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Supporting comments

There shouldn't be a plan! And if you need to update every year while reporting every 5 there is a fundamental flaw in this plan, how are you going to know if anything needs changing after a year if you don't get the results for another four.

Question 15 – Do you agree with our proposal to abolish the Welsh Language Partnership Council and provide the Welsh Government with a power to request advice from the proposed Welsh Language Commission?

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Supporting comments

Who's empire will this support? Does it save money? Or is it another attempt to make AM's seem more important?

Question 16 – Do you have any further comments on Part 2 of the White Paper?

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Part 3: The Welsh Language Standards

Question 17 – We propose that a reformed model of the Standards (Option 2) should be adopted as the best way to ensure people’s rights to receive Welsh language services. Do you agree with this proposal?

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Supporting comments, including (if relevant) any further reforms you would like to see made to the current system, or any alternative approaches you think we should consider.

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Ddylse pop athro hysgogi a meithrin myfyrwyr ifanc i siared yr iaith er mwyn ymarfer yn ystod amser dosbarth ac amser egwyl.

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Unrhyw gymorth y fedrai fod i chi gyda'r iaith Gymraeg, gadewch i mi wybod.

Neil Parry

➔ Welsh Language Bill Team

➔ Copy: Dr Dave Sayers, hon research fellow Cardiff Uni / WISERD

Just a brief response to the call for comments.

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I nevertheless wish you well in your endeavours.

Ken MacKinnon

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Supporting comments

Stop wasting resources forcing school-children to learn Welsh! Spend the time saved on teaching English more!

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

Private business should have a choice on how they run their business. The WG should not interfere.

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You are presuming much.

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments, including whether any fields should be added or taken away from the list in paragraph 53.

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Question 2 – In Table 1 we have outlined the resources related to general promotional functions which we think should be available to any body or bodies involved in promoting the Welsh language and monitoring and enforcing compliance with Standards. Do you agree with our proposal?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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If not, please state which option (including options we have not discussed in the White Paper) you believe we should consider.

Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

Especially when treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English, the overall effects would be a much steeper learning curve, with quicker results. I personally don't see any negative effects of encouraging the Welsh language.

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What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

This is more onus on teaching which is already under enormous pressure because the Welsh Assembly are not providing adequate funding for even the most basic needs throughout education. This is a horrific waste of valuable funds which could be spent better on education and healthcare to name but a few.

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Question 28 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should have a power to impose Standards on all the bodies in a sector directly through regulations without the need for a compliance notice or other such mechanism?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including your views on the factors we should take into account in drafting Standards to be imposed directly on bodies within a sector, whether individual bodies should retain the right to challenge the imposition of a Standard, and whether there should be an enhanced consultation process.

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Question 29 – What factors should we take into account or what procedure should we follow in order to ensure the process for imposing Standards on the Welsh Government is fair and transparent?

Supporting comments

Your procedure should be to stop this nonsense and see sense. This whole fiasco is a waste of valuable funds and tax payers monies which could be spent better on education and healthcare to name but a few.

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments, including any comments on our definition of a 'serious breach' in paragraph 219.

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Question 33 – Do you agree with our proposal to allow the proposed Commission to conduct an investigation of its own initiative?

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Supporting comments

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Question 34 – Do you agree that the actions set out in paragraph 225 provide an effective range of enforcement action?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including any thoughts on alternative enforcement actions that have been rejected or not considered in the White Paper.

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Question 35 – Currently, the Commissioner has powers to impose a civil fine of up to £5,000 and in some circumstances to request a court order to require a body to comply. Do you agree with our proposal that these powers should be retained?

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Supporting comments

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What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Supporting comments

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Part 1: Promoting the Welsh language

Question 1 – In paragraphs 49–54, we have set out the role we propose the Welsh Government should play in promoting the Welsh language, i.e. the Government promotional functions. Do you agree with our proposal?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including whether any fields should be added or taken away from the list in paragraph 53.

I agree in general with the governments proposals within these paragraphs. I also recognise, and agree with the necessity of the oversight and development of the Welsh Corpus. Especially so since the Welsh Language has not been officially standardised since 1927, and the gap between literary Welsh and spoken Welsh is growing to the point where Literary Welsh perhaps no longer adequately reflects modern Welsh as spoke in day to day life. An update of the standardisation of the Welsh Language is well overdue.

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Supporting comments

Obviously, more funding would be ideal however I recognise the financial constraints the Welsh government is working under.

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Question 5 – What other relevant issues should we consider in making our final proposal as to which body or bodies should carry out work to promote the Welsh language and monitor and enforce compliance with Standards?

Supporting comments

In recent weeks and months Welsh has found itself under attack from (poorly reported) television discussions panels such as the Newsnight fiasco, comments in print media such as the article in the Guardian on Welsh education, to name but two incidents. As a native Welsh speaker I feel the government of Wales needs to do more to support and stand up for the speakers of the language in the face of biased reporting. I see no other language that constantly has to justify its existence as Welsh does.

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Part 2: Governance and accountability

Question 7 – In paragraphs 93–95 we have set out some general requirements regarding the body's governance and accountability arrangements. What are your views on these general requirements, and are there other checks and balances you believe should apply to the proposed body?

Supporting comments

I believe the general requirements are sufficient.
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Question 8 – Do you agree with our preferred option (Option 3), to establish a Welsh Language Commission to promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh language and monitor and enforce bodies' compliance with Standards?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 9 – What are your thoughts on the analysis we have provided which supports our preference for Option 3? Are there any other considerations we should take into account in making any final proposal?

Question 10 – Do you believe Option 3 provides sufficient safeguards in relation to the independence of the proposed Commission in exercising its functions in monitoring and enforcing bodies' compliance with Standards?

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 11 – Are there any additional matters to those listed in paragraphs 121–122 that we should consider regarding arrangements to establish the proposed Commission?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 12 – Do you agree with our proposal to move the requirement on the Welsh Government to produce a Welsh language strategy from the Government of Wales Act 2006 to the new Welsh Language Bill?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 13 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should report to the Assembly on the Welsh language strategy every five years instead of annually?

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Supporting comments

I would suggest 5 years is too large a gap. 3 years is an acceptable compromise in my view.

Question 14 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should publish a plan setting out how it will implement the strategy every five years instead of annually?

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Supporting comments

Again five years seems a large gap. 3 years would be an acceptable compromise.

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Supporting comments

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Question 16 – Do you have any further comments on Part 2 of the White Paper?

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Part 3: The Welsh Language Standards

Question 17 – We propose that a reformed model of the Standards (Option 2) should be adopted as the best way to ensure people's rights to receive Welsh language services. Do you agree with this proposal?

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Supporting comments, including (if relevant) any further reforms you would like to see made to the current system, or any alternative approaches you think we should consider.

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Question 18 – We have based our preferred proposal for reformed Standards (Option 2) on the grounds of the clarity, capacity for improvement and the costs of change associated with each option (paragraphs 163–165). Do you agree with our analysis?

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Although not necessarily "public bodies" as such, the changing of house names from Welsh traditional house names into English name is an issue I believe should be covered in this. In Gwynedd and other areas with high 2nd home ownership this is a particular problem. Places such as Abersoch are losing their Welsh identity rapidly due to houses, hotels, pubs etc. changing their name from Welsh to English. One example would be a pub in Abersoch, once named "Y Faenol," which was purchased in 2015 by a consortium from Cheshire and is now named "The Cove". Such issues contribute greatly to the erosion of Welsh identity in a community. As a whole I believe the Standards should include, and be very strict with regards to those issues I mentioned.

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Supporting comments

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Employers are frequently confused about their obligations under the Measure about treating the Welsh language with equal priority to English. For example, one of our clients has interpreted their obligation as the provision of payslips in Welsh (other Welsh clients have not interpreted their obligation in this way). If Welsh payslips are interpreted to be a legislative requirement, payroll software providers need to be aware that this may be seen as an obligation by some clients and HMRC should make available a standard list of the Welsh equivalents to things such as income Tax, National Insurance, net pay, Statutory Sick Pay etc.

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Supporting comments

We are not in a position to comment on this

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Supporting comments

Absolutely - a single body for any initiative is the best way forward

Question 5 – What other relevant issues should we consider in making our final proposal as to which body or bodies should carry out work to promote the Welsh language and monitor and enforce compliance with Standards?

Supporting comments

Not appropriate for a payroll and software company to comment here

Question 6 – Do you have any further comments on Part 1 of the White Paper?

Promotion of the Welsh language is admirable and understandable and we support this. Remember, however, that many Welsh employers have administration performed by solely English-speaking companies (in other parts of the UK and Wales itself). If a payroll company is doing administration for a Welsh employer, we need to be absolutely clear on what our obligations are for producing or possibly producing information in the Welsh language

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Supporting comments

Employers and their administrators (who may be in England) need to be 100% clear on their obligations. Organisations such as ours want to comply fully with any UK legislation, however, frequently, we are unsure as an industry on the way to proceed.

Question 8 – Do you agree with our preferred option (Option 3), to establish a Welsh Language Commission to promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh language and monitor and enforce bodies' compliance with Standards?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Any Commission should include employers and representatives from bodies in other parts of the UK, perhaps part of the Advisory Panel. This should include the likes of HMRC and TPR

Question 9 – What are your thoughts on the analysis we have provided which supports our preference for Option 3? Are there any other considerations we should take into account in making any final proposal?

We agree that a Commission will be the most likely way of achieving the aspirations in Cymraeg 2050. This Commission must be totally transparent to the whole of the UK

Question 10 – Do you believe Option 3 provides sufficient safeguards in relation to the independence of the proposed Commission in exercising its functions in monitoring and enforcing bodies' compliance with Standards?

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Supporting comments

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Question 11 – Are there any additional matters to those listed in paragraphs 121–122 that we should consider regarding arrangements to establish the proposed Commission?

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Supporting comments

From a payroll perspective only, the transition of staff from one entity to another needs to pay great respect to the way that HMRC want this handled under Real Time Information (RTI)

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Supporting comments

This provides clarity for the Commission

Question 13 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should report to the Assembly on the Welsh language strategy every five years instead of annually?

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Supporting comments

Speaking generally, any annual reporting is likely to be more helpful and transparent regarding aspirations that a 5-yearly report

Question 14 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should publish a plan setting out how it will implement the strategy every five years instead of annually?

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Supporting comments

I would have thought that an annual plan would allow it to change / adapt according to what has happened in the last year. A 5-yearly plan could see the strategy proposals 'drift'

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Supporting comments

No comments except to say that the more powers that rest with a single body the better

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No

Part 3: The Welsh Language Standards

Question 17 – We propose that a reformed model of the Standards (Option 2) should be adopted as the best way to ensure people's rights to receive Welsh language services. Do you agree with this proposal?

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Supporting comments, including (if relevant) any further reforms you would like to see made to the current system, or any alternative approaches you think we should consider.

The requirement to treat the Welsh language with the same priority as English comes as a surprise to many employers and the people performing their administration. The only reason for this must be that the requirement and its implications are not fully understood. Any Commission needs to be transparent and communicate to all relevant employers - including the rest of the UK where a lot of the administration is performed

Question 18 – We have based our preferred proposal for reformed Standards (Option 2) on the grounds of the clarity, capacity for improvement and the costs of change associated with each option (paragraphs 163–165). Do you agree with our analysis?

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Supporting comments, including (if relevant) any other factors we should take into account in making any final proposals.

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Supporting comments

This seems to give more clarity for employers

Question 20 – Are you of the opinion that provisions relating to the Welsh in Education Strategic Plans should be included within the new legislation as language planning duties?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Cannot really comment as a payroll and software provider based in England

Question 21 – Are there any other matters which you believe should be included in the new legislation as language planning duties?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Whilst it is ultimately up to the employer to adhere to any Standards / duties, consideration must be given to the fact that many of these employers outsource their administration. Therefore, outsourcers and providers need to be made aware of them as well

Question 22 – Do you agree that the proposed Commission should have general powers to conduct examinations into how bodies meet their Welsh language duties, which would include both the Standards and the language planning duties?

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Supporting comments

Support and communication is essential - and not only to employers but also to bodies and companies that may be providing services to them

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Supporting comments

As long as the necessary support and communication has been provided

Question 25 – Do you agree with our proposal that all regulations to make Standards should be subject to a full public consultation before seeking the approval of the Assembly?

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No real comments other than to stress that education, communication and guidance are essential
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Question 29 – What factors should we take into account or what procedure should we follow in order to ensure the process for imposing Standards on the Welsh Government is fair and transparent?

Supporting comments

Please, always ensure that you take into account the fact that Welsh employers may use companies in other parts of the UK to process their payrolls and HR. This will involve collaboration with people / bodies in England and other countries in the UK

Question 30 – Do you agree with our proposal that complaints should have to be dealt with through the relevant body’s complaints procedure first before the proposed Welsh Language Commission can investigate an alleged failure?

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments, including any comments on the maximum civil fine that the proposed Commission should be able to impose (if at all).

Again, it seems sensible, though there are others that will be able to provide better comments than me. Compliance often comes from the lack of clear guidance and education and this needs to be the focus.

Question 36 – Do you agree with our proposal to retain the Tribunal's role in relation to the proposed Commission's decisions regarding enforcing bodies' compliance with Standards?

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

Cannot really comment

Question 39 – Do you believe that the proposed mandatory first stage should apply to appeals against a decision of the Welsh Government to impose Standards on a body?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Cannot really comment

Question 40 – Do you have any further comments on Part 3 of the White Paper?

Education, guidance and transparency are key factors, as is communication and liaison with people and bodies that may be performing administration for Welsh employers outside of Wales

Part 4: The scope of bodies covered by Welsh language legislation

Question 41 – Do you agree with our proposal to remove the constraints in the Measure so that the Welsh Government has the power to make Standards applicable to any body within the Assembly's legislative competence?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

And these bodies need to be made 100% clear to companies that may be performing administration for a Welsh employer. Not everybody recognises that Wales have considerable legislative power and still believe that what happens in England applies UK-wide. This is not the case at all

Question 42 – Do you agree with our proposal that private sector businesses should only be liable to comply with Standards that relate to the services they provide to their customers?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including your views on any limits that should be placed on the powers to impose Standards on private businesses.

How much power does Wales have to implement Standards on employers in private sector administration? I thought it was little, therefore, to have this imposed on the services provided seems sensible.

Question 43 – Do you agree with our proposal that Standards should only be imposed on private businesses as part of a wider package of promotional and awareness raising initiatives?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 44 – If the Welsh Government is given powers to impose Standards on any body within the Assembly's competence, do you believe that Standards should be imposed on any body or sector that is not currently within the scope of Welsh language legislation?

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

This seems to be consistent. Again, education, guidance and communication are essential

Question 45 – Do you have any further comments on Part 4 of the White Paper?

Please ensure that you recognise that Welsh employers frequently outsource administration to companies that are not based in Wales and may not have a grip on Welsh legislation

Part 5: Assessing the impact of our proposals

Question 46 – We have assessed the impact of our proposals on equality, children, young people and their families, and the Welsh language. Do you have comments on any of these assessments?

Has any assessment been made on the administration consequences of any change? This relates to the cost and lead-in time that employers may require and, speaking professionally, the cost and lead-in time that outsourced providers may require

Question 47 – We would like to know your views on the effects that the proposals in our White Paper would have on the Welsh language, specifically on:

- i) opportunities for people to use Welsh
- ii) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Supporting comments

It is all very admirable and we do support this. This concern is that companies outside of Wales may not recognise their obligations when performing administration for Welsh employers and do not want to be educated by the employer (client) themselves. Liaison with people and bodies outside of Wales is essential

Question 48 – Please also explain how you believe the proposed options could be formulated or changed so as to have:

- i) positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language
- ii) no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

Supporting comments

I cannot really comment here. Save to say that failure to communicate and understand outsourcers' concerns and issues may lead to employers not being able to fulfil their obligations on treating Welsh no less favourably than English.

Question 49 – We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them.

Again, please consider that Welsh employers often have their administration performed by companies that are outside of Wales. Liaison with the right people is essential

Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here:

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Part 1: Promoting the Welsh language

Question 1 – In paragraphs 49–54, we have set out the role we propose the Welsh Government should play in promoting the Welsh language, i.e. the Government promotional functions. Do you agree with our proposal?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including whether any fields should be added or taken away from the list in paragraph 53.

An arms-length body should be established, separate from the WG.

Question 2 – In Table 1 we have outlined the resources related to general promotional functions which we think should be available to any body or bodies involved in promoting the Welsh language and monitoring and enforcing compliance with Standards. Do you agree with our proposal?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

It will not be enough.

Question 3 – Do you agree with our preferred option (Option 4) to have a single body responsible for promoting the Welsh language as well as monitoring and enforcing compliance with Standards?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If not, please state which option (including options we have not discussed in the White Paper) you believe we should consider.

Supporting comments

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Question 4 – We have based our preference for a single body on the grounds of clarity, synergy and value for money. Do you agree with our rationale?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 5 – What other relevant issues should we consider in making our final proposal as to which body or bodies should carry out work to promote the Welsh language and monitor and enforce compliance with Standards?

Supporting comments

The WG should continue to press for full control of public broadcasting subject to the necessary funding being made available.

Question 6 – Do you have any further comments on Part 1 of the White Paper?

No.

Part 2: Governance and accountability

Question 7 – In paragraphs 93–95 we have set out some general requirements regarding the body’s governance and accountability arrangements. What are your views on these general requirements, and are there other checks and balances you believe should apply to the proposed body?

Supporting comments

The body should be independent but have to report regularly to WG.

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Supporting comments

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None to offer.

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

5 years is a long time for a declining language.
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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

A proposal to "request" does not entail that any such request will be made.

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The paper does not address the hostility shown toward the use of Welsh in everyday life and tendency for private sector workers to impose bans on its use in the workplace. Hostility toward the use of the language should be regarded as a hate crime.

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

Endless public consultations unnecessary if the basic plan is understood and can only serve to produce further delays.

Question 26 – Do you agree with our proposal to abolish Standards Investigations?

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Supporting comments

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They have a duty to their employees to encourage the use of Welsh.

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Supporting comments

It will always be at the bottom of any such list.

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Supporting comments

As long as it is lawful to do so.

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What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Supporting comments

The main problem is the lack of visual and written material in Welsh or for that matter things in English about Wales in general. Scottish programmes are hard hitting dramas while Welsh programmes show a man with a camcorder driving around in a van visiting farmers.

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Supporting comments

WG must find the funds to support Welsh media and seek control over broadcasting. Metropolitan disdain as shown in Newsnight is very harmful.

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Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here:

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Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments, including any thoughts on alternative enforcement actions that have been rejected or not considered in the White Paper.

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Supporting comments, including any comments on the maximum civil fine that the proposed Commission should be able to impose (if at all).

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Supporting comments

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But no standards should be in place

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The implicit or explicit forcing of anyone, including children to learn Welsh to access opportunities including jobs in the future, is a regressive step. It will have a negative impact on children and others who chose not to learn the language.

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- i) opportunities for people to use Welsh
- ii) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

Question 49 – We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them.

The endless promotion of the welsh language is completely unnecessary and a waste of scarce public resources.

The language standards impose a barrier to inward investment, as business operations can be caught up in needless welsh language standards red tape.

The government has succumb to a number of pressure groups which vehemently represent the views of a small minority of people.

It's great if people chose to communicate and learn the Welsh language, however the millions of pounds wasted on needless translations and the divisiveness it creates should mean that the Welsh language should not be blindly supported, like it is in the government.

Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here:

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Part 1: Promoting the Welsh language

Question 1 – In paragraphs 49–54, we have set out the role we propose the Welsh Government should play in promoting the Welsh language, i.e. the Government promotional functions. Do you agree with our proposal?

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If not, please state which option (including options we have not discussed in the White Paper) you believe we should consider.

Supporting comments

If Welsh Government are committed to equality then Welsh and English should have equal standing in law, and therefore have a language commissioner to oversee bi lingual policy across the board. Promoting one language above the other, disadvantages some sections of the population through what may be termed positive discrimination but could also be viewed as xenophobic policy to deter incomers. This attitude is not worthy of Wales which should embrace equality rather than seek to effect change through punitive actions.

Question 4 – We have based our preference for a single body on the grounds of clarity, synergy and value for money. Do you agree with our rationale?

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Supporting comments

I suspect the rationale has more to do with creating a powerful unaccountable, unquestionable body.

Question 5 – What other relevant issues should we consider in making our final proposal as to which body or bodies should carry out work to promote the Welsh language and monitor and enforce compliance with Standards?

Supporting comments

Forget compliance. Secretly non Welsh speakers are seething. Have true equality without penalising and discriminating against English only speakers.

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Part 2: Governance and accountability

Question 7 – In paragraphs 93–95 we have set out some general requirements regarding the body's governance and accountability arrangements. What are your views on these general requirements, and are there other checks and balances you believe should apply to the proposed body?

Supporting comments

Governance and accountability is all weighted in favour of one language and should be balanced in favour of both languages.

Question 8 – Do you agree with our preferred option (Option 3), to establish a Welsh Language Commission to promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh language and monitor and enforce bodies' compliance with Standards?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

The commission is not required and Wales has far more important challenges to face up to, ageing demographic, economic inequality between north and south, rural and urban. the poor performance of our children in PISA education tables. Healthcare

crisis etc.

Question 9 – What are your thoughts on the analysis we have provided which supports our preference for Option 3? Are there any other considerations we should take into account in making any final proposal?

Question 10 – Do you believe Option 3 provides sufficient safeguards in relation to the independence of the proposed Commission in exercising its functions in monitoring and enforcing bodies' compliance with Standards?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Independent it may well be, but unbiased it will not be. Equality both languages under the law.

Question 11 – Are there any additional matters to those listed in paragraphs 121–122 that we should consider regarding arrangements to establish the proposed Commission?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Taxes will need to be focused elsewhere once Brexit hits

Question 12 – Do you agree with our proposal to move the requirement on the Welsh Government to produce a Welsh language strategy from the Government of Wales Act 2006 to the new Welsh Language Bill?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

I don't support the Government effecting behaviour through punitive actions, unless it is for illegal activity.

Question 13 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should report to the Assembly on the Welsh language strategy every five years instead of annually?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

That depends on whether anything of value is able to be reported. At present the office of national statistics simply records whether Welsh can be written or spoken, there is no evaluation of fluency. I can read and write some very basic Welsh, but that doesn't mean I am a Welsh speaker. The term Welsh speaker assumes a level of fluency that is perhaps not present in all respondents.

Question 14 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should publish a plan setting out how it will implement the strategy every five years instead of annually?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

I would say the less plans and strategies the better. Too much strategising and not enough energy directed at creating opportunities for all our communities.

Question 15 – Do you agree with our proposal to abolish the Welsh Language Partnership Council and provide the Welsh Government with a power to request advice from the proposed Welsh Language Commission?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Too much emphasis on 'power'.

Question 16 – Do you have any further comments on Part 2 of the White Paper?

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Part 3: The Welsh Language Standards

Question 17 – We propose that a reformed model of the Standards (Option 2) should be adopted as the best way to ensure people's rights to receive Welsh language services. Do you agree with this proposal?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including (if relevant) any further reforms you would like to see made to the current system, or any alternative approaches you think we should consider.

I agree that access to services in people's preferred medium should be the aspiration, but not at the expense of recruiting qualified medical practitioners for

example, or fully qualified teachers. It seems we are placing revival of the Welsh language above everything else. We need to get some perspective as a country and look outward instead of constantly inward.

Question 18 – We have based our preferred proposal for reformed Standards (Option 2) on the grounds of the clarity, capacity for improvement and the costs of change associated with each option (paragraphs 163–165). Do you agree with our analysis?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including (if relevant) any other factors we should take into account in making any final proposals.

I can only accept your analysis at face value.

Question 19 – Do you agree with the proposal to abolish the current classes of Standards and differentiate between ‘Standards’ (which would relate to services) and ‘language planning duties’ (which would relate to corporate duties)?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

I'm unsure whether this relieves organisations from a huge burden or increases it. It would be interesting to see whether this is quantifiable in monetary terms. What's the difference?

Question 20 – Are you of the opinion that provisions relating to the Welsh in Education Strategic Plans should be included within the new legislation as language planning duties?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

At a taxpayer it seems the Welsh Medium schools are better funded and have recently undergone physical overhaul or received brand new buildings. The English medium school my daughter goes to has asbestos present and frequently flood from blocked drains. Is this strategic planning by running down English medium school infrastructure? What is the position of children's right to safe learning environment under legislation if they don't attend a Welsh medium school. This is the current reality of my family's experience.

Question 21 – Are there any other matters which you believe should be included in the new legislation as language planning duties?

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

If we must have language planning duties then plan to promote both languages equally and do not disadvantage a large sector of the Welsh population by shutting them out of employment and education through positive discrimination practises.

Question 22 – Do you agree that the proposed Commission should have general powers to conduct examinations into how bodies meet their Welsh language duties, which would include both the Standards and the language planning duties?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

The commission will be in conflict with Equality legislation and is a political tool.

Question 23 – Do you agree with our proposal that the proposed Commission should monitor and support bodies in relation to their language planning duties, rather than enforce them?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Punitive enforcement leaves a nasty taste and creates a two tier Wales.

Question 24 – Do you agree with our proposal for the Welsh Government to be responsible for imposing Standards on bodies either through a compliance notice or other mechanism?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

I think enforcement of standards for provision of services should be named and shamed for both languages. Both languages equal under the law. Not one language more equal than the other.

Question 25 – Do you agree with our proposal that all regulations to make Standards should be subject to a full public consultation before seeking the approval of the Assembly?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

The Assembly has created a political consensus around the Welsh Language that discourages people from saying what they actually think ie: it's too punitive and will place excessive burdens onto SMEs in time. At least public consultations however hard to find on the website give an opportunity for response.

Question 26 – Do you agree with our proposal to abolish Standards Investigations?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Investigations has too much of a criminal whiff about it.

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Supporting comments

Seems surprisingly sensible. Are you sure you want to do this?

Question 28 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should have a power to impose Standards on all the bodies in a sector directly through regulations without the need for a compliance notice or other such mechanism?

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Supporting comments, including your views on the factors we should take into account in drafting Standards to be imposed directly on bodies within a sector, whether individual bodies should retain the right to challenge the imposition of a Standard, and whether there should be an enhanced consultation process.

No it doesn't allow time for smaller organisations to make adjustments if needed.

Question 29 – What factors should we take into account or what procedure should we follow in order to ensure the process for imposing Standards on the Welsh Government is fair and transparent?

Supporting comments

Make standards apply equally to Welsh and English. you may think this is stupid, but

why should non Welsh speakers be denied access to information. If the Measure is not driven by xenophobia, or a desire to promote Welsh speakers to positions of power without the need to view applicants in the wider context, this is the only truly fair and transparent way.

Question 30 – Do you agree with our proposal that complaints should have to be dealt with through the relevant body's complaints procedure first before the proposed Welsh Language Commission can investigate an alleged failure?

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Not unless a tribunal is set up on the basis of equality of both languages. We're ignoring instances when information is published in Welsh only.

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Supporting comments

This would give a tribunal too much power. Let the complaint stand the scrutiny of the wider public and be aired in the public arena.

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Private business not in receipt of funding shouldn't be subject to this legislation. Many businesses struggle to remain profitable in Wales, particularly SMEs. You are only going to snuff out borderline viable businesses. I feel the Welsh Government is horrendously out of touch with economic reality of how hard SME's work to keep up with all manner of regulation.

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You have not assessed the impact of discrimination against non welsh speakers and their children as previously mentioned. Strategic funding priorities are actively prioritising one community over another.

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- ii) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Supporting comments

People have no issue speaking Welsh. People are not prevented from speaking Welsh, I've never witnessed any such instance. I'm not sure why the Welsh Government are convinced that people are reluctant to use Welsh, maybe they are reading too much into the ONS stats of Welsh language speakers. Negative effects will be mitigated if Welsh and English are equally funded and accessed. Currently not the case.

Question 48 – Please also explain how you believe the proposed options could be formulated or changed so as to have:

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- ii) no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

Supporting comments

I think there are ample opportunities to use the Welsh language if people want to use it. As previously mentioned I don't think the Welsh language is being repressed in anyway today. The Welsh Government should focus on creating employment opportunities for all and improving transport links for those in rural communities.

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I'm sure you've gathered I believe the commissioner role to be punitive and divisive. if you roll this out to the private sector I don't know how smaller businesses are going to cope.

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

Question 6 – Do you have any further comments on Part 1 of the White Paper?

One body is a good solution. Equal weight in time must be given to promotion as to enforcement.

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Supporting comments

The body should also be responsible to an advisory board made up from a truly diverse section of Wales' population.

Question 8 – Do you agree with our preferred option (Option 3), to establish a Welsh Language Commission to promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh language and monitor and enforce bodies’ compliance with Standards?

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Supporting comments

Agree to a Welsh Language 'Commission' with a governing board, but reconsider use of the word 'Commission'.

Question 9 – What are your thoughts on the analysis we have provided which supports our preference for Option 3? Are there any other considerations we should take into account in making any final proposal?

Question 10 – Do you believe Option 3 provides sufficient safeguards in relation to the independence of the proposed Commission in exercising its functions in monitoring and enforcing bodies' compliance with Standards?

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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We are happy to promote the Welsh Language but any Standards applied need to be proportionate to the fact that 99.8% of our tenants do not speak Welsh. Additionally, Standards are being applied at a time when the income of RSLs and of tenants is reducing – we estimate the cost of applying the Standards would represent a minimum increase of £1 per week on tenants' rents. Care should be taken as to how to classify RSLs in the context of the ONS reclassification. There
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- i) opportunities for people to use Welsh
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What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Supporting comments

It would be very difficult to get our tenants to engage in Welsh.

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I think there are more important things to spend resources on. Learning welsh should be a choice option, not forced on people living in Wales. I was born in Wales, have lived in Wales all my life & proud to be Welsh but resources need to be focused on business & job creation, NHS etc.

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Supporting comments

As Above

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If not, please state which option (including options we have not discussed in the White Paper) you believe we should consider.

Supporting comments

I think you should not have a body at all. You should leave it to public to decide if they want to learn Welsh. It is not much use outside Wales (with possible exception of Patagonia) and will put of recruiting people to work in Wales from those in rest of UK.

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

Have none

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Part 2: Governance and accountability

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Supporting comments

As above answers

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Supporting comments

As mentioned previously could backfire on you with people rebelling if forced to learn Welsh rather than choice

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

Stop wasting public money promoting Welsh in non-Welsh speaking towns (eg Valleys) and spend the money on Council services. It is a waste of time and money translating documents for hardly anyone to read.

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Supporting comments

Another waste of public money by Central Government. Give the money to Councils for use on services people value.

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Supporting comments

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No

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 22 – Do you agree that the proposed Commission should have general powers to conduct examinations into how bodies meet their Welsh language duties, which would include both the Standards and the language planning duties?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Waste of money. Provide money for services not another audit body.
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Question 23 – Do you agree with our proposal that the proposed Commission should monitor and support bodies in relation to their language planning duties, rather than enforce them?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 24 – Do you agree with our proposal for the Welsh Government to be responsible for imposing Standards on bodies either through a compliance notice or other mechanism?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Why waste money on compliance when councils and public bodies are so under-funded and cannot provide basic services.
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Question 25 – Do you agree with our proposal that all regulations to make Standards should be subject to a full public consultation before seeking the approval of the Assembly?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 26 – Do you agree with our proposal to abolish Standards Investigations?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 27 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should be given powers to issue codes of practice or guidance relating to the Standards?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Yet another set of beaurocratice nonsense. Audit and costly body for no real public benefit.
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Question 28 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should have a power to impose Standards on all the bodies in a sector directly through regulations without the need for a compliance notice or other such mechanism?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including your views on the factors we should take into account in drafting Standards to be imposed directly on bodies within a sector, whether individual bodies should retain the right to challenge the imposition of a Standard, and whether there should be an enhanced consultation process.

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Supporting comments

Don't do it. Cost and a waste of time.

Question 30 – Do you agree with our proposal that complaints should have to be dealt with through the relevant body's complaints procedure first before the proposed Welsh Language Commission can investigate an alleged failure?

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

Option 1 – no change

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Supporting comments

Time must be allowed for the current arrangements with a Welsh Language Commissioner championing related issues to be fully embedded. A change of strategic direction at this critical point is likely to hinder the positive progress made thus far.

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Supporting comments

I agree with option 2 – Welsh Language Commissioner with a Governing Board. Increased independence from WG & accountability.

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N/A

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Supporting comments

Provided the requirement is legislated, I don't have a view as to where it is cited.

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Supporting comments

I think that extending the gap between reporting periods risks momentum being diluted and the focus may be taken from developments that need constant energy and influence behind in order to succeed. I consider the key to be making the reporting straightforward and meaningful to provide assurance to the Assembly and public that the strategy is being progressed, without being a bureaucratic mission that wastes the resources of the Commissioner.

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Supporting comments

Again I think the gap is too far apart – perhaps it can be stretched to 2 or 3 years, but there needs to be the opportunity to review the plan on a regular basis to ensure things that aren't working well are rectified at the earliest opportunity and reflected transparently to the public.

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Supporting comments, including (if relevant) any further reforms you would like to see made to the current system, or any alternative approaches you think we should consider.

I welcome the move to focus an organisation's standards on those which will have the most impact on the public and encourage better balance of public resources.

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I agree with the proposal to review an organisation's standards periodically to ensure they reflect the organisation's capacity and requirements of the public.

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Supporting comments

I would welcome progress to simplify and rationalise the standards, focussing on services which matter to the public.

Question 20 – Are you of the opinion that provisions relating to the Welsh in Education Strategic Plans should be included within the new legislation as language planning duties?

Yes	✓	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Absolutely – Welsh language provision in education is critical to the success of Cymraeg 2050.

Question 21 – Are there any other matters which you believe should be included in the new legislation as language planning duties?

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Supporting comments

Question 22 – Do you agree that the proposed Commission should have general powers to conduct examinations into how bodies meet their Welsh language duties, which would include both the Standards and the language planning duties?

Agree	✓	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

It is vital to review how organisations plan for the future as well as comply here and now to ensure constant, gradual improvement is made. This will support the earlier proposal to periodically review organisation's standards as their capacity grows.

Question 23 – Do you agree with our proposal that the proposed Commission should monitor and support bodies in relation to their language planning duties, rather than enforce them?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

As per the feedback to the earlier consultation which described the risk to the goodwill demonstrated towards the Welsh language, support should come before enforcement.

Question 24 – Do you agree with our proposal for the Welsh Government to be responsible for imposing Standards on bodies either through a compliance notice or other mechanism?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

I agree that someone other than the commissioner should impose compliance as it will allow the commissioner to provide independent support to organisations.

Question 25 – Do you agree with our proposal that all regulations to make Standards should be subject to a full public consultation before seeking the approval of the Assembly?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

The full set of standards should be consulted on, but there should not be a need for public consultation for each organisation's standards.

Question 26 – Do you agree with our proposal to abolish Standards Investigations?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Whilst the process to get to an organisation's final compliance notice is long and protracted, I agree with the principle of getting to know an organisation before imposing standards on them – it is important for there to be a dialogue as to the organisation's functions, capacity and public interaction prior to standards being imposed. The concept of agreeing the most appropriate challenging but attainable standards is critical in ensuring the balance in distribution of resources between the organisation's core functions and additional requirements set out by the standards.

Question 27 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should be given powers to issue codes of practice or guidance relating to the Standards?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

I would welcome codes of practice, as per question 23 – these should help to support organisations to make improvements rather than attempt to just “tick the box”.

Question 28 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should have a power to impose Standards on all the bodies in a sector directly through regulations without the need for a compliance notice or other such mechanism?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including your views on the factors we should take into account in drafting Standards to be imposed directly on bodies within a sector, whether individual bodies should retain the right to challenge the imposition of a Standard, and whether there should be an enhanced consultation process.

I agree that it should be possible to set the same standards for similar bodies as this will ensure parity and equity as well as standardised public services, however I am unclear how the regional variations / needs will be accommodated e.g. services in some areas of Pembrokeshire will arguably struggle to argue that it is best use of public funds to facilitate fully bilingual services if compared to a similar organisation in Gwynedd. Is the expectation that expectations meet somewhere in the middle? Perhaps a set of standards with bandings would be the most straightforward (for example the current standards relating to percentages of attendees at meetings who require translation services).

Question 29 – What factors should we take into account or what procedure should we follow in order to ensure the process for imposing Standards on the Welsh Government is fair and transparent?

Supporting comments

What better way to promote the desired level of delivery than to lead by example? If Welsh Government cannot achieve a standard, I would argue that it is not achievable and therefore should not be included within the full set. I would expect those who impose the standards to demonstrate full compliance with what they propose. Public accountability reporting and regular auditing within existing governance arrangements should be used to ensure ongoing compliance of Welsh Government.

Question 30 – Do you agree with our proposal that complaints should have to be dealt with through the relevant body’s complaints procedure first before the proposed Welsh Language Commission can investigate an alleged failure?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Absolutely – complaints should be resolved at the lowest and quickest opportunity and not singled out because they relate to the Welsh language.

Question 31 – Do you agree with our proposal that bodies must adhere to an approved complaints procedure, such as the Model Concerns and Complaints Policy?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

I’m unsure as to the appropriateness of this, as different organisations may already have well established and legislated complaints handling procedures. I do not consider it to be appropriate for Welsh complaints to be dealt with differently to any other complaints dealt with by an organisation. I would consider it more appropriate for a code of practice to suggest optimal procedures, which would support those who do not already have defined procedures, and organisations who do can merely ensure their current policies and procedures meet the needs.

Question 32 – Do you agree with our proposal that the proposed Commission should only take further action regarding a complaint if it believes the alleged breach of a Standard or complaints procedure is serious?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including any comments on our definition of a ‘serious breach’ in paragraph 219.

Yes, I concur with this as it is in keeping with the approach of other regulatory bodies such as the Information Commissioner.

Question 33 – Do you agree with our proposal to allow the proposed Commission to conduct an investigation of its own initiative?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

I would consider this part of the commission's regulatory function.

Question 34 – Do you agree that the actions set out in paragraph 225 provide an effective range of enforcement action?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including any thoughts on alternative enforcement actions that have been rejected or not considered in the White Paper.

I agree that having a range of enforcement action at the commission's disposal will allow discretion as how best to require organisations to make necessary improvements.

Question 35 – Currently, the Commissioner has powers to impose a civil fine of up to £5,000 and in some circumstances to request a court order to require a body to comply. Do you agree with our proposal that these powers should be retained?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including any comments on the maximum civil fine that the proposed Commission should be able to impose (if at all).

Whilst I would not welcome a fine of any amount, I am unsure as to whether the maximum fine is sufficient when compared to the amount available to other regulatory bodies – will some organisations weigh up the cost of civil fine against the cost of compliance and proactively decide not to comply?

Question 36 – Do you agree with our proposal to retain the Tribunal's role in relation to the proposed Commission's decisions regarding enforcing bodies' compliance with Standards?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

I agree that there needs to be some form of escalation procedure but which avoids judicial review.

Question 37 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Tribunal should also deal with appeals against a decision of the Welsh Government to impose Standards on a body?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

As above.

Question 38 – We propose to introduce a mandatory first stage for the Tribunal in relation to appeals against the proposed Commission's decisions concerning enforcing Standards. The first stage would require the Tribunal to give permission on the grounds that an application has a reasonable chance of success or another compelling reason why the application should be heard. Do you agree with our proposal?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

I fully support opportunities to encourage complaints or challenges to be dealt with as early and low a level as possible.

Question 39 – Do you believe that the proposed mandatory first stage should apply to appeals against a decision of the Welsh Government to impose Standards on a body?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

If an organisation is not satisfied that a standard imposed by Welsh Government has not been reconsidered appropriately, this needs to be escalated swiftly and straightforwardly. Organisations should have the option to appeal their standards but should not be subjected to the mandatory first stage which complainants are – it is considered the aim of the first stage could be better managed through codes of practice and advice and guidance from the Commissioner. Organisations should be supported to make a balanced decision on whether the potential for success warrants the investment to take a challenge further.

Question 40 – Do you have any further comments on Part 3 of the White Paper?

No.

Part 4: The scope of bodies covered by Welsh language legislation

Question 41 – Do you agree with our proposal to remove the constraints in the Measure so that the Welsh Government has the power to make Standards applicable to any body within the Assembly’s legislative competence?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Provided the imposition is reasonable and proportionate to the capacity and capabilities of the organisation.

Question 42 – Do you agree with our proposal that private sector businesses should only be liable to comply with Standards that relate to the services they provide to their customers?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including your views on any limits that should be placed on the powers to impose Standards on private businesses.

The argument presented within question 41 about allowing legislation to be flexible and adaptable for the future, at some point there may be demand for individuals to be able to require the option to conduct their affairs through the medium of Welsh as an employee, irrelevant as to whether they are employed in the public or private sector. I am not suggesting this be imposed immediately, but consider the option should be within the legislation for the future.

Question 43 – Do you agree with our proposal that Standards should only be imposed on private businesses as part of a wider package of promotional and awareness raising initiatives?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

If we are one day going to require businesses to comply, we need to offer them support and initiatives to do so, ensuring that they are sufficiently lucrative to attract companies to come to and stay in Wales.

Question 44 – If the Welsh Government is given powers to impose Standards on any body within the Assembly’s competence, do you believe that Standards should be imposed on any body or sector that is not currently within the scope of Welsh language legislation?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

I'm not sure I understand this question.

Question 45 – Do you have any further comments on Part 4 of the White Paper?

No.

Part 5: Assessing the impact of our proposals

Question 46 – We have assessed the impact of our proposals on equality, children, young people and their families, and the Welsh language. Do you have comments on any of these assessments?

No.

Question 47 – We would like to know your views on the effects that the proposals in our White Paper would have on the Welsh language, specifically on:

- i) opportunities for people to use Welsh
- ii) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Supporting comments

None.

Question 48 – Please also explain how you believe the proposed options could be formulated or changed so as to have:

- i) positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language
- ii) no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

Supporting comments

None.

Question 49 – We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them.

Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here:



Rhan 1: Hybu'r Gymraeg

Cwestiwn 1 – Ym mharagraffau 49–54, rydym wedi amlinellu'r rôl yr ydym yn cynnig y dylai Llywodraeth Cymru ei chwarae i hybu'r Gymraeg, h.y. swyddogaethau'r Llywodraeth i hybu'r Gymraeg. A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig?

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Sylwadau ategol, gan gynnwys p'un a oes meysydd y dylid eu hychwanegu neu eu tynnu o'r rhestr ym mharagraff 53.

Cwestiwn 2 – Yn Nhabl 1, rydym wedi amlinellu'r adnoddau mewn perthynas â'r swyddogaethau cyffredinol i hybu'r Gymraeg yr ydym o'r farn y dylent fod ar gael i unrhyw gorff neu gyrff sy'n helpu yn y gwaith o hybu'r Gymraeg a monitro a gorfodi cydymffurfiaeth â'r Safonau. A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig?

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Cwestiwn 3 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'r opsiwn a ffeirir gennym (Opsiwn 4), sef un corff i fod yn gyfrifol am hybu'r Gymraeg ac am fonitro a gorfodi cydymffurfiaeth â'r Safonau?

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Os ydych yn anghytuno, nodwch pa opsiwn (gan gynnwys opsiynau nad ydym wedi'u trafod yn y Papur Gwyn) y dylem ei ystyried yn eich barn chi.

Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 4 – Rydym wedi seilio ein dewis, sef un corff, ar sail eglurder, cydnawsedd a gwerth am arian. A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n sail resymegol?

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Sylwadau ategol

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Cwestiwn 5 – Pa faterion perthnasol eraill y dylem eu hystyried wrth wneud ein cynnig terfynol ynghylch pa gorff neu gyrff ddylai hybu'r Gymraeg a monitro a gorfodi cydymffurfiaeth â'r Safonau?

Sylwadau ategol

Dylid ystyried y gwasanaethau sy'n cael eu defnyddio'n ddyddiol fel y banciau, cwmnïau trydan, dwr a teleffon

Cwestiwn 6 – A oes gennych unrhyw sylwadau pellach ar Ran 1 y Papur Gwyn?

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Rhan 2: Llywodraethiant ac atebolrwydd

Cwestiwn 7 – Ym mharagraffau 93–95, rydym wedi nodi rhai gofynion cyffredinol yn ymwneud â threfniadau llywodraethu ac atebolrwydd y corff. Beth yw eich barn chi am y gofynion cyffredinol hyn, ac a oes yna fesurau monitro a ffrwyno eraill a ddylai fod yn weithredol ar y corff arfaethedig?

Sylwadau ategol

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Cwestiwn 8 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'r opsiwn a ffeirir gennym (Opsiwn 3), sef i sefydlu Comisiwn y Gymraeg i hybu a hwyluso defnyddio'r Gymraeg a monitro a gorfodi cydymffurfiaeth cyrff â'r Safonau?

Cytuno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Cwestiwn 9 – Beth yw eich barn chi am y dadansoddiad rydym wedi'i ddarparu sy'n cefnogi ein dewis ni, sef Opsiwn 3? A oes unrhyw ystyriaethau eraill y dylem eu hystyried wrth wneud unrhyw gynnig terfynol?

Ni ddylai Llywodraeth y Cynulliad fod yn gyfrifol am benodi cadeirydd

Cwestiwn 10 – A ydych chi'n credu bod Opsiwn 3 yn diogelu annibyniaeth y Comisiwn arfaethedig yn ddigonol yng nghyd-destun arfer swyddogaethau ar gyfer monitro a gorfodi cydymffurfiaeth cyrff â'r Safonau?

Ydw	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nac ydw	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ansicr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 11 – A oes unrhyw faterion ychwanegol i'r rhai a restrir ym mharagraffau 121–122 y dylem eu hystyried wrth ystyried trefniadau i sefydlu'r Comisiwn arfaethedig?

Oes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nac oes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ansicr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 12 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig i symud y gofyniad ar Lywodraeth Cymru i lunio strategaeth ar gyfer y Gymraeg o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Cymru 2006 i'r Bil y Gymraeg newydd?

Cytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Mae strategaethau yn gorfod newid, felly mae'n haws oddi allan i'r Bil

Cwestiwn 13 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig y dylai Llywodraeth Cymru adrodd i'r Cynulliad ar strategaeth y Gymraeg bob pum mlynedd yn lle bob blwyddyn?

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Cwestiwn 14 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig y dylai Llywodraeth Cymru gyhoeddi cynllun yn nodi sut y bydd yn gweithredu'r strategaeth bob pum mlynedd yn lle bob blwyddyn?

Cytuno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Cwestiwn 15 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig i ddiddymu Cyngor Partneriaeth y Gymraeg a rhoi'r pŵer i Lywodraeth Cymru geisio cyngor gan y Comisiwn arfaethedig, sef Comisiwn y Gymraeg?

Cytuno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 16 – A oes gennych unrhyw sylwadau eraill ar Ran 2 y Papur Gwyn?

Rhan 3: Safonau'r Gymraeg

Cwestiwn 17 – Rydym yn cynnig y dylid mabwysiadu model diwygiedig o'r Safonau (Opswn 2) fel y ffordd orau o sicrhau hawliau pobl i dderbyn gwasanaethau Cymraeg. A ydych chi'n cytuno â'r cynnig hwn?

Cytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol, gan gynnwys (os yn berthnasol) unrhyw ddiwygiadau pellach yr hoffech eu gweld i'r system bresennol, neu unrhyw ddulliau gweithredu eraill y dylem eu hystyried yn eich barn chi.

Dylid sicrhau hawliau mewn deddfwriaeth(opsiwn 5)

Cwestiwn 18 – Rydym wedi seilio'r cynnig rydym yn ei ffafrio i ddiwygio'r Safonau (Opswn 2) ar sail yr eglurder, y capasiti ar gyfer gwella a'r costau newid sy'n gysylltiedig â phob opsiwn (paragraffau 163–165). A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n dadansoddiad?

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Sylwadau ategol, gan gynnwys (os yn berthnasol) unrhyw ffactorau eraill y dylem eu hystyried wrth lunio unrhyw gynigion terfynol.

Cwestiwn 19 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'r cynnig i ddiddymu'r dosbarthiadau presennol o Safonau, a gwahaniaethu rhwng 'Safonau' (a fyddai'n berthnasol i wasanaethau) a 'dyletswyddau cynllunio ieithyddol' (a fyddai'n berthnasol i ddyletswyddau corfforaethol)?

Cytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	✓
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Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 20 – A ydych chi o'r farn y dylid cynnwys darpariaethau sy'n ymwneud â Chynlluniau Strategol y Gymraeg mewn Addysg yn y ddeddfwriaeth newydd fel dyletswyddau cynllunio ieithyddol?

Ydw	✓	Nac ydw	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ansicr	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 21 – Oes yna unrhyw faterion eraill y dylid, yn eich barn chi, eu cynnwys yn y ddeddfwriaeth newydd fel dyletswyddau cynllunio ieithyddol?

Oes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nac oes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ansicr	✓
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Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 22 – A ydych chi'n cytuno y dylai fod gan y Comisiwn arfaethedig bwerau cyffredinol i gynnal ymchwiliadau i sut mae cyrff yn cyflawni eu dyletswyddau o ran y Gymraeg, a fyddai'n cynnwys y Safonau a'r dyletswyddau cynllunio ieithyddol?

Cytuno	✓	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 23 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig y dylai'r Comisiwn arfaethedig fonitro a chefnogi cyrff mewn perthynas â'u dyletswyddau cynllunio ieithyddol, yn hytrach na'u gorfodi?

Cytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	✓
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Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 24 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig i roi cyfrifoldeb am osod Safonau ar gyrff i Lywodraeth Cymru, p'un ai drwy hysbysiad cydymffurfio neu drefn arall?

Cytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	✓
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Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 25 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig y dylai pob un o'r rheoliadau i wneud Safonau fod yn destun ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus llawn cyn gofyn am gymeradwyaeth y Cynulliad?

Cytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	✓
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Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 26 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig i ddiddymu Ymchwiliadau Safonau?

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Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 27 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig y dylid rhoi pwerau i gyhoeddi codau ymarfer neu ganllawiau mewn perthynas â'r Safonau i Lywodraeth Cymru?

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Sylwadau ategol

Onid lle i'r Comisiwn fyddai hyn?

Cwestiwn 28 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig y dylai Llywodraeth Cymru gael pŵer i osod Safonau ar yr holl gyrff mewn sector yn uniongyrchol drwy reoliadau, heb fod angen hysbysiad cydymffurfio neu drefn arall gyffelyb?

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Sylwadau ategol, gan gynnwys eich barn ar y materion y dylem eu hystyried wrth lunio Safonau i'w gosod yn uniongyrchol ar gyrff o fewn sector, p'un a ddylai gyrff unigol barhau â'r hawl i herio Safon sydd wedi'i gosod arnynt, a ph'un a ddylid cael proses ymgynghori fwy trwyadl.

Cwestiwn 29 – Pa ffactorau y dylid eu cymryd i ystyriaeth neu pa weithdrefn y dylid ei dilyn er mwyn sicrhau bod y broses o osod Safonau ar Lywodraeth Cymru yn deg a thryloyw?

Sylwadau ategol

Cynyddu nifer yr Aelodau Cynulliad i gael lefel ddigonol o sgrwtineiddio.

Cwestiwn 30 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig y dylid gorfod delio â chwynion drwy weithdrefn gwyno'r corff perthnasol cyn y caiff y Comisiwn arfaethedig, sef Comisiwn y Gymraeg, ymchwilio i fethiant honedig?

Cytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Mae'n rhaid cael y Comisiwn i mewn yn fuan i ddangos pwysigrwydd y Safonau i gyrff sydd yn ddifater ynghylch Y Gymraeg

Cwestiwn 31 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig fod yn rhaid i gyrff gadw at weithdrefn gwyno sydd wedi'i chymeradwyo, fel y Polisi Pryderon a Chwynion Enghreifftiol?

Cytuno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 32 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig mai dim ond os yw o'r farn fod yr achos honedig o dorri Safon neu weithdrefn gwyno yn un ddifrifol y dylai'r Comisiwn arfaethedig gael cymryd camau gweithredu pellach mewn perthynas â chŵyn?

Cytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol, gan gynnwys unrhyw sylwadau ar ein diffiniad o ‘achos difrifol’ ym mharagraff 219.

Mae beth sy'n ddifrifol i un person yn ddibwys i un arall

Cwestiwn 33 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig i ganiatáu i'r Comisiwn arfaethedig gynnal ymchwiliad ar ei liwt ei hun?

Cytuno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 34 – A ydych chi'n cytuno fod y camau gweithredu a ddisgrifir ym mharagraff 225 yn darparu amrywiaeth effeithiol o gamau gorfodi?

Cytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol, gan gynnwys unrhyw syniadau ynghylch camau gorfodi eraill a wrthodwyd neu nad ydynt wedi cael eu hystyried yn y Papur Gwyn.

Cwestiwn 35 – Ar hyn o bryd, mae gan y Comisiynydd bwerau i osod dirwy sifil o hyd at £5,000 ac, mewn rhai amgylchiadau, i ofyn am orchymyn llys i'w gwneud yn ofynnol i gorff gydymffurfio. A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig y dylid cadw'r pwerau hyn?

Cytuno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol, gan gynnwys unrhyw sylwadau ynghylch y ddirwy sifil uchaf y dylai'r Comisiwn arfaethedig allu ei gosod (os o gwbl).

Cwestiwn 36 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig i gadw rôl y Tribiwnlys mewn perthynas â phenderfyniadau'r Comisiwn arfaethedig ynghylch gorfodi cydymffurfiaeth cyrff â'r Safonau?

Cytuno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 37 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig y dylai'r Tribiwnlys hefyd ymdrin ag apelau yn erbyn penderfyniad gan Lywodraeth Cymru i osod Safonau ar gorff?

Cytuno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 38 – Rydyn ni'n cynnig cyflwyno cam cyntaf gorfodol ar gyfer y Tribiwnlys mewn perthynas ag apelau yn erbyn penderfyniadau'r Comisiwn arfaethedig ynghylch gorfodi Safonau. Byddai'r cam cyntaf yn ei gwneud yn ofynnol i'r Tribiwnlys roi caniatâd ar y sail bod siawns rhesymol y bydd y cais yn llwyddo neu pan fo rheswm cryf arall pam y dylai'r cais gael ei glywed. A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig?

Cytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 39 – A ydych chi o'r farn y dylai'r cam cyntaf gorfodol arfaethedig fod yn gymwys i apelau yn erbyn penderfyniad gan Lywodraeth Cymru i osod Safonau ar gorff?

Ydw	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nac ydw	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ansicr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 40 – A oes gennych unrhyw sylwadau ychwanegol ar Ran 3 y Papur Gwyn?

Rhan 4: Cwmpas y cyrff sy'n ddarostyngedig i ddeddfwriaeth y Gymraeg

Cwestiwn 41 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig i ddileu'r cyfyngiadau yn y Mesur fel bod Llywodraeth Cymru'n meddu ar y pŵer i wneud Safonau'n gymwys i unrhyw gorff o fewn cymhwysedd deddfwriaethol y Cynulliad?

Cytuno	✓	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 42 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig mai dim ond mewn perthynas â'r gwasanaethau y maent yn eu cyflenwi i'w cwsmeriaid y dylai busnesau yn y sector preifat fod yn agored i orfod cydymffurfio â Safonau?

Cytuno	✓	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol, gan gynnwys eich barn ynghylch unrhyw gyfyngiadau y dylid eu rhoi ar y pwerau i osod Safonau ar fusnesau preifat.

Cwestiwn 43 – A ydych chi'n cytuno â'n cynnig mai dim ond fel rhan o becyn ehangach o weithgarwch sy'n hybu'r Gymraeg ac yn cynyddu ymwybyddiaeth ohoni y dylid gosod Safonau ar fusnesau preifat?

Cytuno	✓	Anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghytuno	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 44 – Os rhoddir pwerau i Lywodraeth Cymru i osod Safonau ar unrhyw gorff o fewn cymhwysedd y Cynulliad, a ydych chi o'r farn y dylai Safonau gael eu gosod ar unrhyw gorff neu sector nad yw ar hyn o bryd o fewn cwmpas deddfwriaeth ynghylch y Gymraeg?

Ydw	✓	Nac ydw	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ansicr	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 45 – A oes gennych unrhyw sylwadau ychwanegol ar Ran 4 y Papur Gwyn?

Rhan 5: Asesu effaith ein cynigion

Cwestiwn 46 – Rydym wedi asesu effaith ein cynigion ar gydraddoldeb, plant, pobl ifanc a'u teuluoedd, a'r Gymraeg. A oes gennych chi sylwadau ar unrhyw un o'r asesiadau hyn?

Cwestiwn 47 – Hoffem wybod eich barn ar yr effeithiau y byddai'r cynigion yn ein Papur Gwyn yn eu cael ar y Gymraeg, yn benodol ar:

- i) gyfleoedd i bobl ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg
- ii) peidio â thrin y Gymraeg yn llai ffafriol na'r Saesneg.

Pa effeithiau fyddai, yn eich barn chi? Sut mae cynyddu effeithiau cadarnhaol neu liniaru effeithiau negyddol?

Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 48 – Eglurwch hefyd sut gellid ffurfio neu newid yr opsiynau arfaethedig:

- i) fel eu bod yn cael effeithiau cadarnhaol neu fwy o effeithiau cadarnhaol ar gyfleoedd pobl i ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg ac ar beidio â thrin y Gymraeg yn llai ffafriol na'r Saesneg
- ii) fel nad ydynt yn cael effeithiau andwyol ar gyfleoedd pobl i ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg ac ar beidio â thrin y Gymraeg yn llai ffafriol na'r Saesneg.

Sylwadau ategol

Cwestiwn 49 – Rydym wedi gofyn nifer o gwestiynau penodol. Os oes gennych chi faterion perthnasol nad ydym wedi rhoi sylw penodol iddynt, defnyddiwch y blwch isod i roi gwybod i ni amdanynt.

Mae ymatebion i ymgynghoriadau yn debygol o gael eu gwneud yn gyhoeddus, ar y rhyngrwyd neu mewn adroddiad. Os byddai'n well gennych i'ch ymateb aros yn ddienw, ticiwch yma:



Part 1: Promoting the Welsh language

Question 1 – In paragraphs 49–54, we have set out the role we propose the Welsh Government should play in promoting the Welsh language, i.e. the Government promotional functions. Do you agree with our proposal?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including whether any fields should be added or taken away from the list in paragraph 53.

Question 2 – In Table 1 we have outlined the resources related to general promotional functions which we think should be available to any body or bodies involved in promoting the Welsh language and monitoring and enforcing compliance with Standards. Do you agree with our proposal?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 3 – Do you agree with our preferred option (Option 4) to have a single body responsible for promoting the Welsh language as well as monitoring and enforcing compliance with Standards?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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If not, please state which option (including options we have not discussed in the White Paper) you believe we should consider.

Supporting comments

Question 4 – We have based our preference for a single body on the grounds of clarity, synergy and value for money. Do you agree with our rationale?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 5 – What other relevant issues should we consider in making our final proposal as to which body or bodies should carry out work to promote the Welsh language and monitor and enforce compliance with Standards?

Supporting comments

Question 6 – Do you have any further comments on Part 1 of the White Paper?

Very W1A. I think it is absolutely bonkers to have equal treatment of English and Welsh and to commit resources to it when essential services like the NHS are so underfunded.

Part 2: Governance and accountability

Question 7 – In paragraphs 93–95 we have set out some general requirements regarding the body’s governance and accountability arrangements. What are your views on these general requirements, and are there other checks and balances you believe should apply to the proposed body?

Supporting comments

Question 8 – Do you agree with our preferred option (Option 3), to establish a Welsh Language Commission to promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh language and monitor and enforce bodies’ compliance with Standards?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 9 – What are your thoughts on the analysis we have provided which supports our preference for Option 3? Are there any other considerations we should take into account in making any final proposal?

Question 10 – Do you believe Option 3 provides sufficient safeguards in relation to the independence of the proposed Commission in exercising its functions in monitoring and enforcing bodies’ compliance with Standards?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 11 – Are there any additional matters to those listed in paragraphs 121–122 that we should consider regarding arrangements to establish the proposed Commission?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 12 – Do you agree with our proposal to move the requirement on the Welsh Government to produce a Welsh language strategy from the Government of Wales Act 2006 to the new Welsh Language Bill?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 13 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should report to the Assembly on the Welsh language strategy every five years instead of annually?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 14 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should publish a plan setting out how it will implement the strategy every five years instead of annually?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 15 – Do you agree with our proposal to abolish the Welsh Language Partnership Council and provide the Welsh Government with a power to request advice from the proposed Welsh Language Commission?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 16 – Do you have any further comments on Part 2 of the White Paper?

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Part 3: The Welsh Language Standards

Question 17 – We propose that a reformed model of the Standards (Option 2) should be adopted as the best way to ensure people's rights to receive Welsh language services. Do you agree with this proposal?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including (if relevant) any further reforms you would like to see made to the current system, or any alternative approaches you think we should consider.

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Question 18 – We have based our preferred proposal for reformed Standards (Option 2) on the grounds of the clarity, capacity for improvement and the costs of change associated with each option (paragraphs 163–165). Do you agree with our analysis?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including (if relevant) any other factors we should take into account in making any final proposals.

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Question 19 – Do you agree with the proposal to abolish the current classes of Standards and differentiate between 'Standards' (which would relate to services) and 'language planning duties' (which would relate to corporate duties)?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 20 – Are you of the opinion that provisions relating to the Welsh in Education Strategic Plans should be included within the new legislation as language planning duties?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 21 – Are there any other matters which you believe should be included in the new legislation as language planning duties?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 22 – Do you agree that the proposed Commission should have general powers to conduct examinations into how bodies meet their Welsh language duties, which would include both the Standards and the language planning duties?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 23 – Do you agree with our proposal that the proposed Commission should monitor and support bodies in relation to their language planning duties, rather than enforce them?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 24 – Do you agree with our proposal for the Welsh Government to be responsible for imposing Standards on bodies either through a compliance notice or other mechanism?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 25 – Do you agree with our proposal that all regulations to make Standards should be subject to a full public consultation before seeking the approval of the Assembly?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 26 – Do you agree with our proposal to abolish Standards Investigations?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 27 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should be given powers to issue codes of practice or guidance relating to the Standards?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 28 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Welsh Government should have a power to impose Standards on all the bodies in a sector directly through regulations without the need for a compliance notice or other such mechanism?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including your views on the factors we should take into account in drafting Standards to be imposed directly on bodies within a sector, whether individual bodies should retain the right to challenge the imposition of a Standard, and whether there should be an enhanced consultation process.

Question 29 – What factors should we take into account or what procedure should we follow in order to ensure the process for imposing Standards on the Welsh Government is fair and transparent?

Supporting comments

Question 30 – Do you agree with our proposal that complaints should have to be dealt with through the relevant body’s complaints procedure first before the proposed Welsh Language Commission can investigate an alleged failure?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 31 – Do you agree with our proposal that bodies must adhere to an approved complaints procedure, such as the Model Concerns and Complaints Policy?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 32 – Do you agree with our proposal that the proposed Commission should only take further action regarding a complaint if it believes the alleged breach of a Standard or complaints procedure is serious?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including any comments on our definition of a ‘serious breach’ in paragraph 219.

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Question 33 – Do you agree with our proposal to allow the proposed Commission to conduct an investigation of its own initiative?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 34 – Do you agree that the actions set out in paragraph 225 provide an effective range of enforcement action?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including any thoughts on alternative enforcement actions that have been rejected or not considered in the White Paper.

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Question 35 – Currently, the Commissioner has powers to impose a civil fine of up to £5,000 and in some circumstances to request a court order to require a body to comply. Do you agree with our proposal that these powers should be retained?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including any comments on the maximum civil fine that the proposed Commission should be able to impose (if at all).

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Question 36 – Do you agree with our proposal to retain the Tribunal's role in relation to the proposed Commission's decisions regarding enforcing bodies' compliance with Standards?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 37 – Do you agree with our proposal that the Tribunal should also deal with appeals against a decision of the Welsh Government to impose Standards on a body?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 38 – We propose to introduce a mandatory first stage for the Tribunal in relation to appeals against the proposed Commission’s decisions concerning enforcing Standards. The first stage would require the Tribunal to give permission on the grounds that an application has a reasonable chance of success or another compelling reason why the application should be heard. Do you agree with our proposal?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 39 – Do you believe that the proposed mandatory first stage should apply to appeals against a decision of the Welsh Government to impose Standards on a body?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 40 – Do you have any further comments on Part 3 of the White Paper?

Part 4: The scope of bodies covered by Welsh language legislation

Question 41 – Do you agree with our proposal to remove the constraints in the Measure so that the Welsh Government has the power to make Standards applicable to any body within the Assembly’s legislative competence?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Question 42 – Do you agree with our proposal that private sector businesses should only be liable to comply with Standards that relate to the services they provide to their customers?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including your views on any limits that should be placed on the powers to impose Standards on private businesses.

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Question 43 – Do you agree with our proposal that Standards should only be imposed on private businesses as part of a wider package of promotional and awareness raising initiatives?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 44 – If the Welsh Government is given powers to impose Standards on any body within the Assembly's competence, do you believe that Standards should be imposed on any body or sector that is not currently within the scope of Welsh language legislation?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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Question 45 – Do you have any further comments on Part 4 of the White Paper?

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Part 5: Assessing the impact of our proposals

Question 46 – We have assessed the impact of our proposals on equality, children, young people and their families, and the Welsh language. Do you have comments on any of these assessments?

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Question 47 – We would like to know your views on the effects that the proposals in our White Paper would have on the Welsh language, specifically on:

- i) opportunities for people to use Welsh
- ii) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Supporting comments

Question 48 – Please also explain how you believe the proposed options could be formulated or changed so as to have:

- i) positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language
- ii) no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

Supporting comments

Question 49 – We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them.

Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here:

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Part 1: Promoting the Welsh language

Question 1 – In paragraphs 49–54, we have set out the role we propose the Welsh Government should play in promoting the Welsh language, i.e. the Government promotional functions. Do you agree with our proposal?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments, including whether any fields should be added or taken away from the list in paragraph 53.

Promoting is a far softer approach to "Compliance", Compliance will bring up resistance, whereas a softer promotional approach will be far more acceptable to the people I come into contact with.

Question 2 – In Table 1 we have outlined the resources related to general promotional functions which we think should be available to any body or bodies involved in promoting the Welsh language and monitoring and enforcing compliance with Standards. Do you agree with our proposal?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Once again it's the word "Compliance" !!!!!

Question 3 – Do you agree with our preferred option (Option 4) to have a single body responsible for promoting the Welsh language as well as monitoring and enforcing compliance with Standards?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If not, please state which option (including options we have not discussed in the White Paper) you believe we should consider.

Supporting comments

The costs would be enormous having a single new body, use the existing Government framework.

Question 4 – We have based our preference for a single body on the grounds of clarity, synergy and value for money. Do you agree with our rationale?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

It will not be good value for money....duplication/non use of existing facilities.

Question 5 – What other relevant issues should we consider in making our final proposal as to which body or bodies should carry out work to promote the Welsh language and monitor and enforce compliance with Standards?

Supporting comments

We probably need a referendum for a fair democratic result!!

Question 6 – Do you have any further comments on Part 1 of the White Paper?

Part 2: Governance and accountability

Question 7 – In paragraphs 93–95 we have set out some general requirements regarding the body's governance and accountability arrangements. What are your views on these general requirements, and are there other checks and balances you believe should apply to the proposed body?

Supporting comments

Dragging the population along is not the right way forward, sell it to them first ?

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Supporting comments

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Part 1: Promoting the Welsh language

Question 1 – In paragraphs 49–54, we have set out the role we propose the Welsh Government should play in promoting the Welsh language, i.e. the Government promotional functions. Do you agree with our proposal?

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Supporting comments, including whether any fields should be added or taken away from the list in paragraph 53.

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Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

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If not, please state which option (including options we have not discussed in the White Paper) you believe we should consider.

Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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Supporting comments

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