# Proposals for a Welsh Language Education Bill

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# Questions from the document ‘Proposals for a Welsh Language Education Bill’

**Question 1** – Do you agree that a provision on the national target of one million Welsh speakers by 2050 should be included in a Bill?

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| Agree |  | Disagree |  | Neither agree nor disagree |  |

**Supporting comments**

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**Question 2** – Do you think there should be a clear role for local authorities to work towards the outcome that’s synonymous to level B2 by 2050? If so, what should that role be?

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**Question 3** – Do you think there should be a clear role for Welsh Ministers to work towards the outcome that’s synonymous to level B2 by 2050? If so, what should that role be?

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**Question 4** – Do you agree with the proposal that the Welsh Ministers should have a duty to publish the Welsh language skills continuum?

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**Question 5** – Do you agree that a statutory system should be created for categorising maintained schools according to language medium?

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**Question 6** – Do you agree that a duty should be placed on the Welsh Ministers to define the category descriptions in regulations?

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**Question 7** – What are your views about including a minimum amount of Welsh language provision? What are your views on the effects of setting a minimum amount of provision on schools, learners and staff? Do you foresee any other effects?

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**Question 8** – What is your opinion about the proposals in paragraphs 51 to 56 in relation to placing schools in a language category, and giving the local authority an approval role in the process?

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**Question 9** – Do you agree with the principle that all schools should increase their Welsh language provision over time?

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**Question 10** – What are your views on the proposals in paragraphs 57 to 60 on the process of increasing Welsh language provision in schools?

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**Question 11** – Do you agree with the proposals in paragraphs 62 to 64 about monitoring school progress?

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**Question 12** – What are your thoughts on how a local authority should decide whether a new school is to be a Welsh-medium school?

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**Question 13** – Do you agree with the proposal in this section about placing a duty on the Welsh Ministers to produce a statutory National Plan for the acquisition and learning of the Welsh language (providing direction for statutory local implementation plans)?

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**Question 14** – Do you agree with the proposals in paragraphs 73 and 74 to set national targets for the education workforce and to include them in the National Plan?

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**Question 15** – Do you agree that the outcomes set out in paragraph 82 continue to provide a clear focus for both national and local planning?

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**Question 16** – Do you agree with the proposal to introduce a duty for local authorities to review their Welsh in Education Implementation Plan (WEIP) after 5 years to align with the National Plan's 5-year progress report?

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**Question 17** – Do you agree with the principle that Welsh in education targets should be imposed on local authorities by the Welsh Ministers?

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**Question 18** – Do you agree with the proposal for the Welsh Ministers to commission an external review of the content of a draft Welsh in Education Implementation Plan (WEIP) when appropriate?

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**Question 19** – Do you agree with the proposals to impose duties on local authorities in planning their workforce?

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**Question 20** – Do you agree with the proposals in paragraphs 100 to 102 about publishing reports on the implementation of the Welsh in Education Implementation Plans (WEIPs), and the progress made against National Plan targets?

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**Question 21** – Do you agree with the proposal to give Estyn a role to conduct a rapid review and provide recommendations in situations where it appears there is a risk that an authority will not meet its targets?

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**Question 22** – Do you have any other suggestions as to how to ensure that local authorities take reasonable steps to implement their Welsh in Education Implementation Plans (WEIPs)?

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**Question 23** – Do you think a duty should be placed on local authorities to promote Welsh-medium education among parents and carers?

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**Question 24** – What support should the Welsh Ministers offer in terms of promoting Welsh-medium education?

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**Question 25** – Do you think a duty should be placed on local authorities to promote late immersion provision among parents, carers and learners?

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**Question 26** – Do you think a duty should be placed on local authorities to provide late immersion for learners?

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**Question 27** – Do you agree with the principle that specialist support for lifelong Welsh language learning, including schools, should be centralised within a single body?

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**Question 28** – Do you agree that the role of the National Centre for Learning Welsh should be expanded to undertake the role or is there another model that should be considered?

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**Question 29** – Do you agree with the principle that sufficient Welsh language learning provision should be guaranteed, and that suitable structures should be in place to support learners of all ages?

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# Questions from the ‘Outline of costs and impacts that will form the basis of a Regulatory Impact Assessment for a Welsh Language Education Bill’ document

**Question 30** –Do you agree with our interpretation of the groups and bodies affected by the changes? Are there any other groups or bodies that fall within the scope of the changes apart from those identified in the outline of costs and impacts that will form the basis of a Regulatory Impact Assessment for a Welsh Language Education Bill?

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**Question 31** – Apart from the groups and bodies identified in the outline of costs and impacts that will form the basis of a Regulatory Impact Assessment for a Welsh Language Education Bill, which groups or bodies would have to pick up the costs?

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**Question 32** – What other impacts (both financial and non-financial) are there relating to the proposed legislation that are not outlined in the outline of costs and impacts that will form the basis of a Regulatory Impact Assessment for a Welsh Language Education Bill?

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**Question 33** – Are there any other comments on the outline of costs and impacts that will form the basis of a Regulatory Impact Assessment for a Welsh Language Education Bill?

**Supporting comments**

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**Mandatory questions**

**Question 34** – We would like to know your views on the effects that the proposals in the White Paper would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

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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**Question 35** – Please also explain how you believe the proposed policy could be formulated or changed so as to have 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, and 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**

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**Question 36** – 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:

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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: |  |