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Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

Bil Deddfwriaeth (Gweithdrefn, Cyhoeddi a Diddymiadau) (Cymru) | Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill

Ymateb gan: Prif Weithredwr a Chlerc y Senedd | Evidence from: Chief Executive and Clerk of the Senedd

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Mike Hedges MS,  
Chair, Legislation Justice and Constitution Committee  
Senedd Cymru

Dear Mike

**Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill: Consultation**

I am writing with regard to the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill (the Bill), which was introduced before the Senedd on 21 October and which has been referred to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for Stage 1 scrutiny.

As a number of the Bill's provisions relate directly to the functions of the Clerk of the Senedd (the Clerk), I appreciate the opportunity to respond to the Committee's consultation on the Bill. I should say at the outset that I was disappointed, given the direct impact on my functions, that there had been no prior engagement with me by the Welsh Government on the provisions of the Bill ahead of its introduction. I am confident that the Committee will ensure that there is robust scrutiny of the Bill, including those provisions.

As I am sure you will understand, my response will be limited to those provisions that relate directly to my functions. I do not believe it would be appropriate for me to express a view on the wider provisions of the Bill

Functions of the Clerk of Senedd Cymru

The functions of the Clerk relating to Royal Assent of Acts of Senedd Cymru, and associated provisions, are currently set out in Sections 115(5) to 115(7) of the Government of Wales Act 2006 ("GoWA"). Section 3 of the Bill appears to restate the functions set out in sections 115(5A) to 115(5E), with stylistic changes, within a new Part 2B of the Legislation (Wales) Act 2019.

I have considered this and am content that the restating of these functions does not change the process or procedures that must be undertaken by the Clerk. As such, I have no concerns. I do, however, note that the provisions of the Bill, as set out in the new Part 2B of the 2019 Act, refer to the Clerk of Senedd Cymru, while GoWA refers to the Clerk of the Senedd. The Committee may wish to ask the Welsh Government to explain this difference in approach.



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Yours sincerely,

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

