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Legislation Committee No 5
Legislation Office
National Assembly for Wales
CARDIFF BAY
CF 991NA

Dear Sirs,

CONSULTATION LC5 - WELSH LANGUAGE LCO

I am writing regarding the questions you have asked on "Should the National Assembly for Wales be able to make laws" :-

1. I do not agree that the Assembly should make laws on the promotion and use of the Welsh language.
2. I do not agree that the Assembly should make laws on which services the public should be able to receive bilingually.
3. I do not agree that the Assembly should make laws on the freedom of persons to use the Welsh language with each other.

Generally, I feel that there are enough new laws being made these days and that there should not be a need for more, especially on this subject.

I am not Welsh and while I think it is a good thing to 'encourage' peoples' heritage, I feel that this has gone far enough. We live in a world where English is increasingly being used; to try to increase the use of Welsh through laws is not fair on people living in Wales who are not Welsh. (Although I have done a basic Welsh language class). I do not wish to receive all my bills in English and Welsh or any other documentation - it is a waste of money which could be better spent elsewhere.

I think that encouraging the use of the Welsh language would be best done on a voluntary basis.

NB I am responding as an individual. I do not want my name and address to be published.