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| **TITLE**  | **Summary of responses to the consultation on the White Paper: *Striking the right balance: proposals for a Welsh Language Bill*** |
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In August last year, the Welsh Government published a White Paper: *Striking the right balance: proposals for a Welsh Language Bill*. At the heart of the proposals was our commitment to ensure a suitable legislative foundation to promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh language to help us reach our target of a million Welsh speakers by 2050.

504 written responses were received during the course of the consultation and today, I am pleased to publish a summary report of the consultation responses. I am also publishing the consultation responses in full. The report shows that, with the exception of one question relating to the frequency with which the Welsh Government reports to the Assembly on our Welsh language strategy, our proposals were supported by those who responded to the consultation.

I am very grateful to everyone who spent time preparing their consultation responses and I will continue to consider these responses carefully to help inform our policy in moving forward with the Welsh Language Bill.

I will make a further statement on this work in due course.