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Welsh Parliament

Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill: consultation

25 October – 6 December 2024

# Introduction

The [Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill](https://business.senedd.wales/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=44617) has been referred to the [Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee](https://senedd.wales/committee/725)for Stage 1 scrutiny of the general principles of the Bill.

More information about the Bill is available on the [Bill’s webpage](https://business.senedd.wales/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=44617). More information about the legislative process is available on the [Senedd’s website](https://senedd.wales/senedd-business/legislation/guide-to-the-legislative-process/).

# Terms of Reference

The Committee is considering:

1. the general principles of the Bill and whether there is a need for legislation to deliver its stated policy objectives;
2. any potential barriers to the implementation of the Bill’s provisions, and whether the Bill and accompanying Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment take adequate account of them;
3. whether there are any unintended consequences arising from the Bill;
4. the Welsh Government’s assessment of the financial and other impacts of the Bill;
5. the appropriateness of the powers in the Bill for the Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation;
6. matters relating to the competence of the Senedd including compatibility of the Bill’s provisions with the European Convention on Human Rights;
7. the balance between the information contained on the face of the Bill and what is left to subordinate legislation;
8. any matter related to the quality of the legislation; and
9. any other matter related to the constitutional or other implications of the Bill.

# Information about the Bill

If passed, the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill will:

* bring together and formalise:
	+ the procedural arrangements for making Welsh subordinate legislation, and
	+ the requirements for publishing Acts of Senedd Cymru and Welsh statutory instruments, and other subordinate legislation that is not made by statutory instrument.
* improve the accessibility of Welsh law by:
	+ repealing, amending and otherwise disapplying in relation to Wales provisions and enactments that are no longer of practical utility or benefit; and
	+ making minor amendments to the [Legislation (Wales) Act 2019](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2019/4).

Further detail about the Bill can be found in its accompanying Explanatory Memorandum.

# How to share your views

## Evidence gathering

We want to make sure that our work is informed by experiences, needs, and views that reflect the diversity of the people and communities affected by these issues.

We encourage anyone with expertise or experience of these issues to share your views, with the full knowledge that your views will be welcomed and valued.

The closing date for sharing your views is **16.00 on Friday 6 December 2024**.

To share your views electronically, please send to: SeneddLJC@senedd.wales or by post to Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Welsh Parliament, Cardiff, CF99 1SN.

### Along with your submission, you should provide the following information:

* Your name and contact details as the person, or organisation, submitting the evidence.
* Whether your evidence is submitted as an individual, or on behalf of an organisation.
* If you are submitting evidence as an individual, confirmation that you are over 18 years old.
* If you are under 13 years old, your parent or guardian’s agreement that you can participate (this can be provided via email).
* Confirmation of whether you would prefer that your name is not published alongside your evidence (names of individuals under 18 years old will not be published).
* Confirmation of whether you would like the Committee to treat any or all of your written evidence as confidential, with reasons for the request.
* If you have referred to a third party in your evidence, such as a parent, spouse or relative, confirmation that they have agreed that you can share information that may be used to identify them and that they understand that it will be published.

## Providing Written Evidence

The Senedd has two official languages, Welsh and English.

In line with the [Senedd’s Official Languages Scheme](https://senedd.wales/commission/senedd-commission-policy/official-languages/)**,** the Committee welcomes contributions in both or either of our official languages, and we ask organisations that are subject to Welsh Language standards or schemes to respond in line with their own obligations. Please inform the Committee when submitting responses if you intend to provide a translation at a later date.

Please see [guidance for those providing evidence for committees](https://senedd.wales/senedd-business/committees/getting-involved-with-committees/)**.**

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