# Call for evidence on recommendations made by the Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform

Purpose of the consultation

The Senedd’s [Business Committee](https://senedd.wales/committee/699) is inviting views to inform its consideration of four recommendations made by the [Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform](https://business.senedd.wales/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=39531).

These recommendations were made by the Special Purpose Committee in its May 2022 report, [Reforming our Senedd: A stronger voice for the people of Wales](https://senedd.wales/media/5mta1oyk/cr-ld15130-e.pdf), to inform policy instructions for a Welsh Government Bill on Senedd Reform.

The four recommendations on which the Business Committee is inviting views relate to:

* the size of the Welsh Government in a larger Senedd (recommendation 4);
* the number of Deputy Presiding Officers in a larger Senedd (recommendation 5);
* the number of Senedd Commissioners in a larger Senedd (recommendation 6);
* the consequences of a Member changing their political party if elected through a closed proportional list system (recommendation 10).

The Welsh Government has asked the Business Committee to conclude its consideration of these recommendations during November 2022 in order to inform its preparation of relevant legislation. **As such, the deadline for submitting your views is Tuesday 1 November 2022**. The Committee would welcome views on any or all four of the recommendations.

This template is available for you to draft your responses should you wish to think on your answers prior to submitting your response. All responses should be submitted via the [online consultation form](https://senedd.wales/committees/business-committee/consultation-call-for-evidence-on-recommendations-made-by-the-special-purpose-committee-on-senedd-reform/) and not be submitted via email.

**Your views**

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You do not need to comment on all four recommendations, only those on which you have a view or wish to share information.

If you provide any information that you feel is not suitable for public disclosure, please indicate which parts should not be published and give your reasons for this.

### **The size of the Welsh Government in a larger Senedd (recommendation 4)**

### The [Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform’s report](https://senedd.wales/media/5mta1oyk/cr-ld15130-e.pdf) recommended that:

### *“the Senedd’s Business Committee and Welsh Government consider how cross-party consideration can be facilitated on the question of whether any increase in the size of the Welsh Government would be appropriate, balanced against the need for enhanced scrutiny. This consideration should then inform the development of legislation to provide for a Senedd of 96 Members” (recommendation 4, report page 24).*

### Please share any information and/or view you have on **the size of the Welsh Government in a larger Senedd** to inform the Business Committee’s consideration:

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1. **The number of Deputy Presiding Officers in a larger Senedd (recommendation 5);**

### The [Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform’s report](https://senedd.wales/media/5mta1oyk/cr-ld15130-e.pdf) recommended that:

### *“…consideration is given to the question of whether the Senedd should have flexibility through its Standing Orders to elect more Deputy Presiding Officers should it so wish. This consideration should then inform the development of legislation to provide for a Senedd of 96 Members.” (Recommendation 5, report page 25).*

### Please share any information and/or view you have on **the number of Deputy Presiding Officers in a larger Senedd**, to inform the Business Committee’s consideration:

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1. **The number of Senedd Commissioners in a larger Senedd (recommendation 6);**

### The [Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform’s report](https://senedd.wales/media/5mta1oyk/cr-ld15130-e.pdf) recommended that:

### *“…consideration is given to the question of whether the Senedd should have flexibility through its Standing Orders to elect more than four Members of the Senedd Commission should it so wish. This consideration should then inform the development of legislation to provide for a Senedd of 96 Members.” (Recommendation 6, report page 25).*

### Please share any information and/or view you have on **the number of Senedd Commissioners in a larger Senedd**, to inform the Business Committee’s consideration:

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1. **The consequences of a Member changing their political party if elected through a closed proportional list system (recommendation 10);**

### The [Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform’s report](https://senedd.wales/media/5mta1oyk/cr-ld15130-e.pdf) recommended that:

### *“…the Senedd’s Business Committee gives consideration to the consequences of a Member changing their political party if elected through a closed proportional list system.” (Recommendation 10, report page 40).*

### Please share any information and/or view you have on **the consequences of a Member changing their political party if elected through a closed proportional list system**, to inform the Business Committee’s consideration:

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