Make Votes Matter have a simple yet crucially important recommendation regarding the electoral system for the Welsh Assembly; that it should be much more proportional than the current form of the Additional Member System (AMS). Although much better than First Past the Post (FPTP), the form of AMS used for the Assembly still significantly distorts the choices made by voters. To not address this would be a missed opportunity.

We would recommend that the panel look at the recent work of the official, cross-party Special Committee on Electoral Reform in Canada (Canada also uses FPTP). After conducting consultations with experts from around the world, the committee recommended that Canada adopt a system of PR with a Gallagher Index of less than five. This is the Canadian report (you can search for references to the Gallagher Index by typing Ctrl + F).

As the Expert Panel on Assembly Electoral Reform is probably aware, there is a wealth of evidence from around the world, spanning many decades, showing that more proportional voting systems correlate with a wide range of positive socio-economic outcomes. Much of this evidence is discussed in our new report on the reasons for the Labour Party to adopt Proportional Representation for elections to the House of Commons - and many of the benefits are on metrics that are valued by people right across the political spectrum. The highlights are summarised on page 6.

Regarding the type of voting system to use, Make Votes Matter would recommend any highly proportional variety of the Single Transferable Vote system, or the Additional Member System (including systems known as Mixed Member Proportional and the Alternative Vote Plus).