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Ann Jones Chair, Local Government and Public Services Committee National Assembly for Wales Cardiff Bay Cardiff CF99 1NA

Dear Ms Jones,

Following a recent meeting of my Council I am instructed to inform you of the views of members in respect of the discussion document – Electoral Arrangements for Wales.

- Question 1: Penalties should not be used.
 - 2. A system of automatic registration should be employed.
 - 3. No, it would probably deter more voters.
 - 4. Yes.

Sources - Name, age and address.

- 5. More candidates with an ethnic background.
- 6. No. Would be administratively chaotic.
- Computerised e.g. Belgium and the Netherlands.
 This system is quicker, more accurate, more reliable and limits human error.
- 8. Yes.
- 9. They do not feel involved in the process, and that nobody listens to them. A lack of knowledge, they feel ignored and just are not interested.
- 10. No.
- 11. No.

Politics can and should be taught in our schools without the involvement of Party Politics at such an early stage in children' development.

12. No.

There is a distinct danger of the influence of extreme groups too early in their lives.

13. No.

- 14. No.
 - More accessible Polling Stations and Polling Proxy voting
- 15. No as above.
- 16. Yes.
- 17. No. Postal Voting is better option.
- 18. Yes.
- 19. This avenue needs to be developed.
- 20. Make voting information more simple and quicker.
- 21. No. They should be made more user friendly, shorter and with clearer instructions given, avoiding complex notes.

ADDITIONAL NOTE:

There is a need to introduce a system of Proportional Representation for ALL Elections and to rigorously restrict the election expenditure for ALL parties and individuals.

Yours faithfully,

MARGARET JONES

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