Committee on the Government of Wales Bill GWB(2)-05-06 (p1)

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Venue: National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay

Title: Amendments for consideration

The amendments have been numbered in the order in which they were received. They have then been placed in the order in which the Committee has agreed to consider the Clauses.

Amendment No.	Clause / Schedule		In the name of
Part 1	,	,	,
98	33	Clause 33, page 21 line 22 at the end "The Secretary of State must publish his reasons for deciding that consultation is inappropriate under this sub-section within 21 days of making his decision"	Ieuan Wyn Jones Jocelyn Davies
18	33	Remove the sentence "The Secretary of State can participate by actually attending the plenary session, or by video link" from explanatory notes, page 34.	Welsh Conservative Group
99	33	New Clause: "33A. Consultation about representation in European Union institutions. Within three months of the first Assembly election provided for under this Act, the Secretary of State for Wales must publish a document making proposals for increasing the representation of Wales in the UK Government's representation	Ieuan Wyn Jones Jocelyn Davies

		within European Union institutions, and consult the Assembly about that document.	
		Within six months of the first Assembly election provided for under this Act, Her Majesty's Government shall consider and make decisions concerning increasing the representation of Wales in the UK Government's representation within European Union institutions."	
63	34	Clause 34(1) Page 21 Line 24 – Leave out 'If not an Assembly Member'	Welsh Liberal Democrats
64	34	Clause 34(1) Page 21 Line 25 – Insert after 'orders' 'but only to provide his legal opinion to Assembly Members'	Welsh Liberal Democrats
65	34	Clause 34(2) Page 21 Line 27 – Leave out 'if not an Assembly Member'	Welsh Liberal Democrats
100	35	Clause 35, page 21, line 35:	Ieuan Wyn Jones
		Leave out from "so far" to "reasonably practicable" in line 36, and insert -	Jocelyn Davies
		"save in exceptional cases where it is not reasonably possible to do so".	
101	36	Clause 36, page 22, line 23, delete subclause (6)	Ieuan Wyn Jones
			Jocelyn Davies
102	37	Clause 37, page 23, line 14 delete subclause (3)	Ieuan Wyn Jones
			Jocelyn Davies
Part 2			,
104	45	In para (1) delete 'Assembly Government' and replace with 'Executive'.	Welsh Conservative Group
		Note: If approved, the above amendment will require a Welsh translation of 'Welsh Executive' and consequential amendments will be required throughout the Bill to use 'Welsh Executive' consistently.	

124	45	Clause 45, page 27, line 25:	Ieuan Wyn Jones
		Leave out "Assembly Government, insert "Executive".	Jocelyn Davies
125	45	Clause 45, page 27, line 26:	Ieuan Wyn Jones
		Leave out "Assembly Government", insert "Executive".	Jocelyn Davies
		Leave out "Cynulliad".	
126	46	Clause 46, page 28 line 10	Ieuan Wyn Jones
		Delete (5) and replace with "(5) Where a First Minister is for any reason unable to act or has resigned or the office of First Minister has become vacant the other Ministers shall remain in office until the Assembly nominates a new First Minister; and shall elect one from their number to discharge the functions of the First Minister until such time as a new First Minister is appointed.	Jocelyn Davies
127	48	Clause 48 page 29 line 12	Ieuan Wyn Jones
		After "First Minister" add "or by a resolution of the Assembly to that effect."	Jocelyn Davies
105	48	In subsection (5) after "resolves that the" insert "Welsh Minister or the".	Welsh Conservative Group
59	49	Clause 49(5) Page 29 Line 30 – Leave out.	Welsh Liberal
Withdrawn			Democrats
58	49	Clause 49 Page 29 Line 30 – Insert new clause:	Welsh Liberal Democrats
Withdrawn		(4) The First Civil Service Commissioner will make recommendations to the First Minister on the appointment of the Counsel General when a vacancy occurs in that office.	

114	49	Clause 49 Page 29 Line 30	Welsh Liberal
		At end insert (4)(a) 'The First Civil Service Commissioner shall make recommendations to the First Minister on the appointment of the Counsel general when a vacancy occurs in that office.'	Democrats
115	49	Clause 49 Page 29 Line 31 Leave out subsection (5)	Welsh Liberal Democrats
60 Withdrawn	49	Clause 49(6) Page 29 Line 34 – Leave out 'First Minister' and replace with 'Permanent Secretary'	Welsh Liberal Democrats
116	49	Clause 49 Page 29 Line 34 Leave out 'First Minister' and insert 'Permanent Secretary'	Welsh Liberal Democrats
61 Withdrawn	49	Clause 49(8) Page 30 Line 1 - Leave out subsection.	Welsh Liberal Democrats
117	49	Clause 49 Page 30 Line 1 Leave out subsection (8)	Welsh Liberal Democrats
62 Withdrawn	49	Clause 49(9) Page 30 Line 4 – Leave out subsection.	Welsh Liberal Democrats
118	49	Clause 49 Page 30 Line 4 Leave out subsection (9)	Welsh Liberal Democrats
106	50	In subsection (5) after "resolves that the" insert "Deputy Minister or the".	Welsh Conservative Group
107	51	New subsection (2) and renumber existing (2) as (3). "(2) The number of Welsh Ministers shall not exceed 8 and the number of Deputy Welsh Ministers shall not exceed 5".	Welsh Conservative Group

128	58	Clause 58, page 34 line 22	Ieuan Wyn Jones
		Delete "Welsh Ministers" and replace with "Assembly."	Jocelyn Davies
47 Withdrawn	60	Clause 60(1) Page 35 Line 21 – Leave out from 'any' and insert 'the following object'	Welsh Liberal Democrats
48 Withdrawn	60	Clause 60(1)(a) Page 35 Line 21 – Leave out from 'achieve' and insert 'promote or improve the general well-being of Wales'	Welsh Liberal Democrats
119	60	Clause 60 Page 35 Leave out lines 23-27 and insert 'promote or improve the general well being of Wales'	Welsh Liberal Democrats
129	61	Clause 61, page 36, line 10, at end insert: ", including the implementation of any of the provisions of the Welsh Language Act 1993."	Ieuan Wyn Jones Jocelyn Davies
130	62	Clause 62, page 36 line 12 After "First Minister" insert ", the Assembly"	Ieuan Wyn Jones Jocelyn Davies
49 Withdrawn	64	Clause 64(1) Page 36 Line 39 – After 'Ministers' insert 'or the Senedd by resolution with a simple majority of those voting'	Welsh Liberal Democrats
131	64	Clause 64, page 36, line 39: Leave out "Welsh Ministers", insert "Assembly".	Ieuan Wyn Jones Jocelyn Davies
120	64	Clause 64 Page 36 line 39 After 'Ministers', insert 'or the Assembly by resolution with a simple majority of those voting.'	Welsh Liberal Democrats

133	64	Clause 64, page 36, line 41:	Ieuan Wyn Jones
		After "Welsh Ministers", insert: "including the pursuance of the provisions of section 33".	Jocelyn Davies
132	64	Clause 64, page 36, line 41:	Ieuan Wyn Jones
		Leave out "(other than that under section 62)".	Jocelyn Davies
113	64	Clause 64, page 36, line 42 add the following words "and for ascertaining the views of those polled as to whether the Assembly act provisions in Part 4 should come into force"	Ieuan Wyn Joes Jocelyn Davies
134	64	Clause 64, page 37, line 6:	Ieuan Wyn Jones
		Leave out "Welsh Ministers", insert "Assembly".	Jocelyn Davies
108	74	New Clause 74 (renumber subsequent clauses) "74 Voluntary Sector Partnership Council (1) The Welsh Ministers must establish and maintain a body to be known as the Voluntary Sector Partnership Council". Note: We would ask the Assembly's legal team to draft the other subsections of the	Welsh Conservative Group
		clause relating to appointments to the Council, its functions and membership. A similar model to the Partnership Council (local government) would be followed.	

109	75	Clause 75 delete and replace with	Welsh Conservative
		 The Welsh Ministers must establish and maintain a body to be known as the Enterprise Council. The Enterprise Council is to consist of members appointed by the Welsh Ministers from among 	Group
		 a. the Welsh Ministers b. the Deputy Ministers c. representatives of business organisations 	
		Note: If the principle of an Enterprise Council is accepted, we would ask the Assembly's legal team to draft further subsections relating to functions.	
50	76	Clause 76(6) Page 41 Line 26 – Leave out from 'lay' and insert 'have it approved by the Senedd by a simple majority of those voting before it will come into effect'	Welsh Liberal Democrats
Withdrawn			***************************************
121	76	Clause 76 Page 41 Line 26 Leave out from 'must' and insert 'have it approved by the Assembly by a simple majority of those voting before it will come into effect'	Welsh Liberal Democrats
135	77	Clause 77, page 41, line 37, at end insert: "(3) The assessment referred to in (2) (b) must include an assessment of the effectiveness of those arrangements as regards each "group", as defined in Part 1 of the Equality Act 2006.	Ieuan Wyn Jones Jocelyn Davies

51	78	Clause 78(7) Page 42 Line 19 – Leave out subsection (b) and insert new subsection: (b) 'have the copy approved by the Senedd by a simple majority of those	Welsh Liberal Democrats
Withdrawn		voting'	
136	78	Clause 78, page 41, line 41, at end insert:	Ieuan Wyn Jones
		"(1A) The sustainable development scheme shall include statements setting out the provisions of any order introduced under subsection 81 (5).	Jocelyn Davies
137	78	Clause 78, page 42, line 15:	Ieuan Wyn Jones
		Leave out "Welsh Ministers", insert "Assembly".	Jocelyn Davies
122	78	Clause 78(7) Page 42	Welsh Liberal Democrats
		Leave out line 19 and insert	
		'(b) have the copy approved by the Assembly by a simply majority of those voting'	
138	78	Clause 78, page 42, line 19:	Ieuan Wyn Jones
		Leave out "Assembly", insert "Welsh Ministers".	Jocelyn Davies
Part 5	,		,
123	117	Based on the Barnett formula – new clause:	Welsh Liberal Democrats
		'(1) The Secretary of State shall appoint a panel of not less than four and not more than six experts to recommend the sums of money to be allocated to the Welsh Consolidated Fund.	
		(2) The Secretary of State shall publish in full the terms of any recommendations made under subsection (1).	

(3) The panel shall have regard to –	
(a) the principle of fairness	
(b) the principle of transparency	
(c) the particular needs of Wales	