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Dear Sir,
Discussion Document - Electoral Arrangements in Wales.

I have studied this document and offer the following answers to the questions posed :

Q1 Penalties should be used . Given that electoral registration is a legal requirement , why has WAG not leaned heavily on local authorities to do this work ?

Q2 Compulsory registration (see Q1) and the sharing of information with other agencies , eg Benefits Agency .

Q3 Yes . Yes .

Q4 Yes .

Q5 No comment .

Q6 No . There is too much scope for corruption .

Q7 Pilot schemes should be tried in two constituencies using the various forms of electronic voting . If successful , the ideas could be rolled out across Wales .

Q8 There are important staffing and security implications . Pilot schemes could be tried in two constituencies .

Q9 Some people feel that young people in Wales are satisfied with their lot ; their electoral registration authorities do not chase them to register . Many young people are unimpressed with politicians . Many take the view that they do not vote because " we are not listened to " . Possibly not enough information is given .

Q10 No . Q11 No - but political systems or British Constitution should be taught . Q12 No .

Q13 Yes . Youth councils ; School Councils in secondary and primary settings .

Q14 No . I am not aware of any electoral material being produced in alternative formats , eg large print , Braille , audio tape . Is this not a requirement of the Disability Discrimination Act ? Has WAG consulted with appropriate organisations , eg RNIB , RNID , MIND , Alzheimers Society , etc ?

Q15 No .

Q16 Yes .

Q17 Mobile ballot boxes could be piloted in Nursing Homes in two constituencies .

Q18 Yes .

Q19 Yes (assuming you mean Welsh & English) .

Q20 No comment .

Q21 Generally Yes , but see my comments in Q14 above . Also , the postal votes system is too complicated .

I would also wish to state my disappointment that the document does not raise :

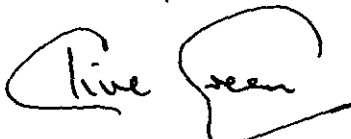
A) Making voting compulsory .

B) Changing the Polling Day to a Saturday or Sunday .

Both of these would get my full support .

I hope these observations will be of benefit to the Committee .

Yours sincerely



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