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Local Government and Public
Services Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay
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Dear Sir or Madam

Electoral Arrangements in Wales

We write further to your letter dated 2 June 2006 and attach our response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Steve Heydon".

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RESPONSE TO WESLH ASSEMBLY CONSULTAION ON ELECOTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Summary of questions	
Question 1	
Although registration is compulsory in Wales, the penalties for non registration are hardly ever used.	No
Should penalties be used and would this encourage more people to register?	NO
Question 2	
What methods could be used to ensure that more people living with their parents, who have moved recently or are living in rented accommodation register?	Property owner should be held responsible for ensuring registration takes place
Question 3	
Will individual registration with personal identification help to increase registration?	No
Will it help to make voting more secure is the personal identification has to be produced before you can vote?	Yes
Question 4	
Should there be some form of automatic registration as in other countries?	Yes
If yes,	
What sources of information could be used to ensure that everyone was automatically registered.	Birth registration? Unknown?
Question 5	
What methods could be used to encourage more Black and Ethnic Minority people to register?	-
Question 6	
Would an all postal vote be workable in Wales?	No
Please give your reasons for your views.	Open to abuse
Question 7	
What forms of electronic voting (e.g. internet, text, at polling stations) could be used in Wales?	None
What could be the benefits/problems of using the methods you have suggested?	N/A

have difficulty getting to polling stations?

Question 18

Should polling station managers be required to produce a report similar to that in the Netherlands?

Question 19

What are your views on the availability of help and advice available bilingually at elections in Wales?

Question 20

What could be done in terms of documents and advice to encourage more BME people to register and vote?

Question 21

Do you consider the forms and information given about registration and voting to be straightforward and easily understandable?

Against, should use postal vote

No. Surely this should happen!

Not necessary

Nothing

Yes