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National Assembly for Wales
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Chair, Local Government and Public Services Committee

Dear Ms Jones

Electoral Arrangements in Wales

With reference to your letter of 2nd June 2006.

Attached at annex A are the comments of this Community Council.

Yours sincerely



V J Holmes (Clerk)

Question	Response / Comments
1	Using penalties should encourage people to register
2	Place onus on parents/landlords to register adult children/tenants. Hand out forms at Job Centers. Include forms with family tax credit, driving license, council tax etc.
3(a)	Maybe but doubtful.
3(b)	Yes.
4	Yes.
5	No one group should be treated any different from another. We are all British.
6(a)	Maybe but doubtful.
6(b)	Open to fraud as has happened in England.
7(a)	Any of those mentioned are suitable.
7(b)	No electronic method should be introduced to the detriment of the older voter who may not have the necessary IT skills.
8	Yes, but with appropriate supervision.
9	Lack of knowledge or interest. A perceived belief that it is does not matter who is voted into power as it makes little difference.
10	Probably not. So much "political correctness" is imposed by government on schools and the public at large that it has crippled the ability to provide a balanced view without offending someone.
11	Teach yes. Indoctrinate no. As with everything, it should be the aim of the teacher to promote and stimulate individual thought rather than force feed regimented ideas. Pupils must be allowed to formulate their own opinions.
12	Only if all parties get equal representation. Not for the very young!
13	Unknown.
14(a)	Unknown.
14(b)	Include details with any disability documents.
15(a)	Perhaps, but the situation should be constantly monitored.
15(b)	Question 17 seems to provide an adequate solution but how necessary is it when postal voting is already available.
16	No. There are already too many statutory standards littering our lives.
17	A postal vote serves the same purpose and is less expensive.
18	Sounds like more red tape and expense.
19	Adequate.
20	Nothing. Better government and informed choice will achieve this.
21	Yes. Anyone who is interested is able to register and vote.