

28 October 2016

Dear Sir / Madam

Inquiry into the Welsh Government's new Welsh Language Strategy

The Welsh Government's current welsh language strategy comes to an end on 31 March 2017. On 1 August the Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language and the First Minister launched a consultation on the Welsh Government's new Welsh Language Strategy at the National Eisteddfod in Abergavenny. The consultation ended on 31 October.

The Welsh Government's stated ambition is to have a million Welsh speakers by 2050. According to the most recent Census in 2011 there were 562,000 Welsh speakers in Wales. On that basis, the aim of the strategy will be to almost double the number of Welsh speakers by the middle of the century.

The National Assembly's Culture, Welsh Language and Communications has agreed that now would be an opportune time to conduct an Inquiry into the new strategy. The aim of the inquiry is to seek to inform and influence the new strategy at a formative stage in its development.

Invitation to contribute to the Inquiry

To inform our approach to this work we want to hear as many views as possible from across Wales.



The Welsh Government has identified creating a workforce with the appropriate skills to educate and provide services through the medium of Welsh as a key objective, and we would particularly like to hear your views on:

- Improving workforce planning and support for practitioners for all phases of education; and
- Ensuring a sufficient workforce for Welsh-medium education and teaching as a subject.

The Committee welcomes responses in Welsh or English from both individuals and organisations. We ask that organisations with their own language policies should provide bilingual responses in line with those policies.

Submissions should be no longer than five sides of A4, with numbered paragraphs, and should focus on matters set out above. Please see guidance for those providing evidence for committees.

Submitting evidence

General information regarding consultation procedures, which should be considered carefully before submitting evidence to the Committee, is set out in the Annexe. An electronic copy of your submission form should be returned to: SeneddCWLC@assembly.wales.

Alternatively, you can send a hard copy of your completed form to:

Steve George

Clerk

Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee

National Assembly for Wales

Cardiff Bay

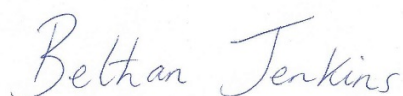
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Submissions should arrive no later than Wednesday 30 November 2016. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.



If you have any queries, please contact Steve George, Committee Clerk on 0300
200 6374.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bethan Jenkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

Bethan Jenkins AC / AM

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Submitting Written Evidence to the Committee

Disclosure of Information

1. The Assembly's [policy on disclosure of information](#) is available; please ensure that you have considered these details carefully before submitting information to the Committee. Alternatively a hard copy of this policy can be requested by contacting the Clerk.

Submitting evidence

2. If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission form to SeneddCWLC@assembly.wales.

3. Submissions should arrive by 30 November 2016. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

4. When preparing your submission, please keep the following in mind:

- your response should address the issues before the Committee, and should be limited to the consultation questions.
- the National Assembly normally makes responses to public consultation available for public scrutiny and they may also be seen and discussed by Assembly Members at Committee meetings. If you do not want your response or name published, it is important that you clearly specify this in your submission; and
- please indicate whether you are responding on behalf of an organisation, or as an individual.

Guidance for witnesses providing written evidence for committees

5. The Assembly is committed to providing accessible information to the widest audience possible. This short guide is to assist witnesses who produce written



information for committees. This will enable the Assembly to provide information submitted by third parties in an accessible manner.

- Use a minimum of font size 12.
- A clear sans serif typeface, such as Lucida Sans.
- Do not have writing over graphics, pictures or watermarks.
- Colours and contrast – writing should have maximum contrast to the background: dark on light, light on dark.
- Do not use block capitals, and minimise use of bold, underlining and italics.
- If you wish to refer to a published document, please include a hyperlink to that document.

6. Where possible, information should be provided in Microsoft Word to ensure accessibility. Where a scan or Pdf is provided, particularly in the case of signed letters or tables of information, the original Word document should be provided along with it.

7. For your information, the Committee has invited submissions from a wide range of organisations, a list of which is available on request. A copy of this letter has also been placed on the National Assembly's website with an open invitation to submit views. However, the Committee would be grateful if you could forward a copy of the consultation letter and annex to any individuals or organisations that you believe might wish to contribute to the inquiry.

