

Consultation on changing the name of the National Assembly for Wales: consultation questions

The National Assembly for Wales is the democratically elected body that represents the interests of Wales and its people, makes laws for Wales, agrees Welsh taxes and holds the Welsh Government to account.

The Assembly Commission is asking Assembly Members and members of the public what they think about a proposal to change the name of the National Assembly for Wales.

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Consultation to close: 3 March 2017

How to respond to this consultation

To find out more about why we are holding this consultation, visit:
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Mae'r holiadur yma hefyd ar gael yn Gymraeg.

This survey is also available in Welsh.



Data protection

How the views and information you give us will be used

Any response you send us will be seen in full by National Assembly for Wales Commission staff dealing with the issue which this consultation is about. It may also be seen by Assembly Commissioners and other Assembly Members. This information will be used to provide anonymous statistics for reporting purposes.

Data protection

The information you give us in this form will be used by the National Assembly in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and will be retained until a decision is taken on the proposals within this consultation. In the event that further action is needed, the information will be used to inform that work and retained until the process is completed. This information will not be used for any other purposes.

We understand that not everyone wishes to provide this information, which is why disclosing this information is voluntary.

Survey Monkey will store all survey responses. See their website for detail about how Survey Monkey will use your information:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/mp/policy/privacy-policy>

If you have any concerns or questions about how your information will be used please contact us at:

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Publication of responses

The Assembly Commission may publish a summary of the responses to this document and associated survey, which may include publishing some responses in full. Any responses which are published (whether hard copy or online) will remain in the public domain.

Requests for information made to the National Assembly

In the event of a request for information being made under access to information legislation, it may be necessary to disclose all or part of the information that you

provide. This may include information which has previously been removed by the Assembly for publication purposes. We will only do this if we are required to do so by law.

Please feel free to leave blank any questions you are not comfortable answering.

1.Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?

Yes No

If you answered yes, please specify the name of the organisation:

The 60 Assembly Members who are elected to the National Assembly for Wales make laws and decisions about many things that affect day to day life in Wales, like health, education, housing, transport and the environment.

The National Assembly for Wales's job is to make sure the Welsh Government's decisions are in the best interests of Wales and its people.

Members elected to the National Assembly for Wales consider and vote on whether to pass laws. They ask questions and make suggestions on government policy and spending. They decide how much some taxes will be in Wales. They represent the interests of people in their constituency (local area) or region.

2.Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

The role of the National Assembly for Wales is well understood:				
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly agree
The name of an institution is important to explain what it does:				
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly agree
The National Assembly for Wales should change its name:				
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly agree

Please feel free to leave blank any questions you are not comfortable answering.

The National Assembly was first established in 1999. We could not pass laws, and had limited powers. After receiving new powers in the Government of Wales Act (2006), the National Assembly was able to pass the first law made in Wales since the tenth century. Then, in 2011, the people of Wales were asked to vote in a referendum on whether they thought the National Assembly should have full law-making powers. 63.5 per cent of the people who voted said “yes”.

The Wales Act 2014 gave the Assembly taxation and borrowing powers.

We believe that changing our name will help people to understand our role better. During the Assembly debate on this matter in June 2016, the name options below were suggested.

3. How well do you feel the names below describe the role and responsibilities of the National Assembly for Wales?

National Assembly for Wales Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru				
Not at all	Not very well	Don't know	Quite Well	Very Well
Parliament of Wales Senedd Cymru				
Not at all	Not very well	Don't know	Quite Well	Very Well
Senedd				
Not at all	Not very well	Don't know	Quite Well	Very Well
Welsh Parliament Senedd Cymru				
Not at all	Not very well	Don't know	Quite Well	Very Well

4. A new name for the National Assembly will mean a new name for Assembly Members. The names are in English, then Welsh. Sometimes the name in Welsh is the same. Please tick the name you like best.

Title of Members	Tick preferred option
Member of the Parliament of Wales (MPW) Aelod o Senedd Cymru (ASC)	
Wales Parliament Member (WPM) Aelod o Senedd Cymru (ASC)	
Member of the Welsh Parliament (MWP) Aelod o Senedd Cymru (ASC)	
Welsh Parliament Member (WPM) Aelod o Senedd Cymru (ASC)	
Member of Senedd Cymru (MSC) Aelod o Senedd Cymru (ASC)	
Member of the Senedd (MS) Aelod o'r Senedd (AS)	

Please feel free to leave blank any questions you are not comfortable answering.

A new draft law, the Wales Bill 2016, will further change the powers of the National Assembly, including giving the Assembly the power to change its name.

If the UK Parliament passes the Wales Bill, the National Assembly for Wales will have the power to bring forward a new law to change its name from May 2017. This would need to be looked at, scrutinised and voted upon by Assembly Members.

If a law proposing a new name for the National Assembly is passed by Assembly Members, one possibility is for the name change to come into effect in spring 2018, the same time as other changes to the powers of the National Assembly for Wales.

A copy of the draft Bill, including some explainer notes and more information about the changes, are available at www.assembly.wales/name.

5. Do you have any comments on the proposal to change the name in line with the next stage of devolution in April 2018?

6. A draft Bill has been prepared to illustrate what a law to change the name might look like. This is provided at Annex A of the consultation document, available at www.assembly.wales/name. Do you have any comments on this draft Bill?

7. Do you have any further comments on the proposal to bring forward legislation to change the name of the Assembly?

Equality Impact Assessment

We are committed to engaging a diverse range of people in our work. The responses to this consultation will inform an equality impact assessment on the proposal to change the name. In the event that a decision is taken to proceed with legislation to change the name of the Assembly, this impact assessment, and others, will form part of the Explanatory Memorandum to accompany the Bill.

We ask participants to provide information about themselves so that we can make sure we are providing opportunities and removing barriers to participation where possible.

This monitoring form has been designed taking into account guidance issued by the Office of National Statistics. We have taken this approach as it will allow for consistency and comparability of statistical outputs from different sources across the UK.

Please feel free to leave blank any questions you are not comfortable answering.

1. Where do you live?

Blaenau Gwent		Monmouthshire	
Bridgend		Neath Port Talbot	
Caerphilly		Newport	
Cardiff		Pembrokeshire	
Carmarthenshire		Powys	
Ceredigion		Rhondda Cynon Taf	
Conwy		Swansea	
Denbighshire		Torfaen	
Flintshire		Vale of Glamorgan	
Gwynedd		Wrexham	
Anglesey		Outside Wales	
Merthyr Tydfil			

2. What is your gender?

3. Do you identify as transgender?

5. What is your age?

4. What is your sexual orientation?

6. Do you have a disability?

Black/African/Caribbean

Other (please specify)

7. Please describe your disability. Tick all that apply.

8. How would you describe your national identity?

Welsh

English

Scottish

Northern Irish

British

Other, please describe

9. Please describe your ethnic origin

White

Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups

Asian

10. Which of the following religions, religious denominations or bodies do you belong to?

Buddhist

Jewish

Sikh

Christian

Hindu

Muslim

Other

Prefer not to say

None