Finance Committee: What do people think about the taxes they pay in Wales?

WHO TOOK PART

PEOPLE FROM ALL FIVE SENEDD REGIONS TOOK PART

The top five areas that took part
- Cardiff
- Rhondda Cynon Taf
- Conwy
- Gwynedd
- Powys

ONE BILINGUAL SURVEY

692 RESPONDENTS

EIGHT BILINGUAL ONLINE POLLS

2,524 VOTES

69% of survey respondents weren’t aware that council tax is controlled by their local authority.

At least half of the survey respondents weren’t aware that non-domestic rates (or sometimes referred to as business rates), Land Transaction Tax and Landfill Disposal Tax are all controlled by the Welsh Government.

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OPINION

61% of survey respondents said they thought the Welsh Government should have power over more taxes.

25% of survey respondents said the variation of Land Transaction Tax in Wales compared to Stamp Duty Land Tax in England would affect their decision on where they’d choose to live.

59% of survey respondents said “I’d be happy to pay more income tax in Wales than those in England if this extra tax was collected in Wales and spent on Welsh services.”

36% said “No, I wouldn’t be happy to pay more than in England.”

39% said “No”

5% said they didn’t know.

54% said “Yes”

7% said they didn’t know.

IMPORTANCE

72% of people said it was important or very important that the Welsh Government has powers over taxation.

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I think our taxes should be put towards Wales only and, hopefully, our government will have increased taxation powers. Keep improving Wales and the lives of all who live here.

I am happy to pay taxes in Wales if it benefits the whole of Wales and not just Cardiff, Swansea and Newport. More needs to be done for valleys communities.

I don’t trust Cardiff to spend it in Mid Rural Wales, as 9 out of the last 10 years, Powys had had the lowest amount out of the County Councils, we get overlooked time after time.

Dylai'r Senedd Cymru cael power dros pob treth yng Nghymru. The Welsh Parliament should have power over all taxation in Wales.

Currently the Welsh Government can borrow up to £1 billion from either the UK Government or other sources that can be used to invest in Welsh infrastructure, for example to pay for schools or roads.

Survey respondents were asked if the Welsh Government should have an unrestricted limit on infrastructural borrowing.

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