

P-06-1529 Adjourn the implementation of the 36 extra members of the Senedd until 2030 - Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Committee, 07 July 2025

First May I state that I must be one of the very few people in Wales who have read this act 3 times all 352 pages it is obvious from seeing the first minister's comments she hasn't read it.

Comment expert reports no evidence by who and when

Comment we are the smallest with 3.5 million population only slightly larger than Birmingham 60 Senedd members 29 MPs and 1400 councillors Sir Bernard Crick Sheffield university says in the act a bigger and bloated assembly doesn't equate to more efficiency

Comment Independent reports where are they some were compiled years ago no evidence again .

Comment The act had no pre legislative scrutiny no public consultation no referendum as one MP pointed out on May the 8th 2024 if we have a referendum we will lose isn't that Democracy. In the act it says Royal Assent will take place in 2025 not 3 weeks after why the rush. The act says no time for public consultation 2 years since then there has been 140 public consultations

Comment reform committee carried out consultation I have looked at 17 meetings and 17 times the public have been excluded once at the very start no public consultation there

Comment Increased scrutiny I have attended over 350 scrutiny meetings and they are a joke

In the act it mentions extra scrutiny 83 times as the only evidence for more members and twice for the sharing of ministerial cars some benefits there. At a recent scrutiny meeting televised on the BBC the first minister refused to answer questions from the chairman shamefully. The only effective scrutiny in the UK is the Jury system

In conclusion I would like to thank the officers of the petitions committee Mr Price and Kayleigh Imperato for their support and assistance in this matter superb people many thanks Lyndon walker could you confirm receipt of this email.