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Dear Andrew

European Union Referendum Bill – referendum question assessment

We considered your email dated 1 June 2015 at our recent meeting on 15 June 2015.

We believe that both of the questions referred to in your email, and which the Electoral Commission suggested following the 2013 Private Members' Bill, are acceptable in both English and Welsh.

Nevertheless, differing views were expressed. Some Members felt the question included in the European Union Referendum Bill (Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union?) is the clearer of the two questions.

However, some saw merit in avoiding a yes / no question, and as a result, that there could be further consideration of the alternative question (Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?).



We would also welcome clarification on whether there is likely to be any further consultation on other issues surrounding the referendum. In particular, we would welcome the opportunity to comment on the proposed election date and electoral cohort.

Yours sincerely

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David Melding AM
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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.
We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

