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| **TITLE** | **A More Equal Wales: Strengthening Social Partnership** |
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| **BY** | **Julie James, Minister for Housing and Local Government** |

On 9 July the First Minister made an oral statement outlining the Welsh Government’s plans to strengthen social partnership arrangements in Wales, bringing forward a Social Partnership Bill in this Assembly term.

Today I am publishing a White paper consultation *A More Equal Wales: Strengthening Social Partnership* which sets out our proposals for legislation to create statutory social partnership arrangements in Wales with associated provisions for driving social equality forwards.

Our overarching goal in promoting social partnership is to enhance the well-being of the people of Wales by improving public services and adopting more balanced means to develop the Welsh economy and it is an integral part of our broader aim to reduce inequality.

The proposals form a key component of our response to the findings of the Fair Work Commission, which made a series of recommendations in March about how the Welsh Government should encourage fair work practices across Wales. Alongside our proposals for a Social Partnership Bill we will shortly consult on commencement of the socio-economic duty in Part 1 of the Equality Act 2010 and we will ensure that the measures that we take work together to create a stronger framework for delivering more equal Wales.

The consultation is available at: [https://gov.wales/more-equal-wales-strengthening-social-partnership-white-paper](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Fmore-equal-wales-strengthening-social-partnership-white-paper&data=02%7C01%7CJudith.Leetch%40gov.wales%7Cbf6ef72e66b84cc3f75708d762a9a1ae%7Ca2cc36c592804ae78887d06dab89216b%7C0%7C0%7C637086353195314466&sdata=sUJcEVqYVqHwTL56RSaAV7Ihb%2FSqH8eJLYkduam7P78%3D&reserved=0). The deadline for making a response is 2 January 2020.