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What is Senedd Research?

Senedd Research is part of the National Assembly for Wales based in Tŷ Hywel, Cardiff Bay. We are completely independent of the Welsh Government.

We are an expert, impartial and confidential research, analysis and information service designed to meet the needs of Assembly Members and their staff. We have substantial knowledge of policy in Wales and an unrivalled expertise in understanding the information needs of Assembly Members.

We provide specialist parliamentary support to all 60 Assembly Members and the Assembly’s Committees.

Senedd Research consists of:

- four research teams providing specialist advice on specific areas of policy
- a Financial Scrutiny Unit providing advice on Assembly finance, budgets, taxation and interpreting statistics
- specialists providing advice on the Assembly, the constitution, UK and EU legislation, elections and referendums
- a Library providing a full range of reference and information services
How do we support Assembly Members?

- We provide research briefings and expertise to support Assembly Members in the scrutiny of legislation and policy.

- We answer Assembly Members’ enquiries connected with Assembly business and constituency work as part of our confidential and impartial enquiry service.

- We provide research support to Assembly Members in developing and bringing forward proposals for legislation.

- We publish a range of research briefings and publications including our blog, In Brief, to contribute to open and well informed debate.

This guide is written for an external audience.

For more detailed information about access to our services Assembly Members and their staff should consult:

Research Service: A Guide for Assembly Members

What do we publish?

Our publications are compiled principally for the benefit of Assembly Members, but we make these publicly available wherever possible via our internet pages and our blog In Brief.

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See the interactive online maps on our website, which enable you to make comparisons between Assembly constituencies and regions. We also provide static maps of constituencies and regions.
What monitoring services do we provide?

We publish a range of monitoring services on our website.

- **Legislative Consent Motions** which follow the progress of motions through which the Assembly can give or refuse permission for the UK Parliament to legislate on matters that are devolved.

- **Constitutional Developments** which provides links to key documents and proceedings relating to the development of devolution and the constitution in Wales.

- **Key Events in the Development of the National Assembly for Wales** which provides a timeline to key events in the development of the Assembly.

- **The National Assembly for Wales and Devolution in Wales** A bibliography which gathers together some of the most important works charting the evolution of the Assembly and devolution in Wales.

- Fortnightly **Brexit Updates, monthly Brexit Monitoring Reports**, a Brexit Timeline and podcasts. These are available on **In Brief** and on the **Assembly and Brexit webpages**.

Library

The Library delivers high quality information, reference and monitoring services to Assembly Members, their staff and Assembly staff. It has a comfortable modern reading room and provides access to official publications, reference books, newspapers, periodicals and electronic resources.

How you can help us

We do not deal with enquiries from the public. However, we do welcome receipt or notification of publications in both printed and electronic format which may be of interest to Assembly Members and research staff.

We also run a number of initiatives specifically aimed at encouraging academics to engage with our work. More details are available on our [website](#).

We welcome comments about our publications and would be interested to hear from researchers working in related fields of interest. We would also like to hear about conferences, seminars or other networking events which might be of interest to our researchers.

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