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Consultation: Standards and the Welsh language: What are your views?

The Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 sets a legal framework in place in order to introduce duties whereby organizations comply with statutory Standards relating to the Welsh language. The Standards specify how organizations are expected to treat and use the Welsh language. Standards are intended to provide more clarity as to the Welsh language service people should expect to receive, as well as consistent service provision.

The draft Standards have now been produced. A non statutory consultation period on the Standards will be held between 16 May 2012 and 11 August 2012, in order to encourage wide discussion. The Measure does not require such a consultation on the draft Standards prior to submitting them to the Welsh Ministers. Nevertheless, bearing in mind the importance of what needs to be done in terms of promoting and facilitating the use of the Welsh language, I am very eager to conduct such a consultation exercise.

I invite you to respond to this consultation. Please submit your comments to me by 11 August 2012, using the contact details in the consultation document.

Yours sincerely,

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