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Clause 1

Do you feel Clause 1 goes far enough in formally recognising BSL and ISL as languages of Northern Ireland?

No

Please give details to support your answer.

No, Clause 1 doesn't go far enough.

It's good that BSL and ISL are mentioned, but just saying they're recognised isn't enough. There needs to be real support—like better access to interpreters, education, and services in sign language. Without that, it feels more like a token gesture than real change.

Clause 2

Do you feel Clause 2 goes far enough in promoting the use of BSL and ISL and developing deaf culture?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer.

Are there any other approaches (apart from providing for the availability of classes) that could help to meet the objective of the greater use and understanding of BSL and ISL? YES/NO

No

Please give details to support your answer.

Clause 3

Do you think the duty placed on prescribed organisations to make the information and services accessible to members of the deaf community is sufficient? YES/NO

No

Please give details to support your answer.

Clause 4

Do you support the approach taken by Clause 4? YES/NO

No

Please give details to support your answer.

Clause 5

Do you support the approach to consultation required in clause 5? YES/NO

No

Please give details to support your answer.

Clause 6

Do you support the approach taken in this clause? YES/NO

No

Please give details to support your answer.

Do you feel there is anything else this Clause should include? YES/NO

Yes

Please give details to support your answer.

Clause 7

Do you support the provision for the Department for Communities to make regulations detailed in clause 7? YES/NO

No

Please give details to support your answer.

Do you support the approach to consultation detailed in clause 7? YES/NO

No

Please give details to support your answer.

Clause 8

Do you feel the level of consultation required in clause 8 is sufficient? YES/NO

No

Please give details to support your answer.

Clause 9

Do you think evaluating the impact of the Bill in a report every five years is an appropriate length of time? YES/NO

No

Please give details to support your answer.

Clause 10

Do you support the creation of a scheme for accrediting BSL and ISL teachers? YES/NO

Yes

Please give details to support your answer.

Do you support the creation of a scheme for accrediting BSL and ISL interpreters? YES/NO

Yes

Please give details to support your answer.

Clause 11

Do you agree with the definition of the deaf community provided for in the Bill? YES/NO

Yes

Please give details to support your answer. Please outline what people or groups you think should be included or excluded and why.

Clause 12

Do you agree with the definition of BSL and ISL provided for in the Bill? YES/NO

No

Please give details to support your answer. If you think there are any aspects missing, please outline what you think should be included.

Clause 13

Do you agree with the definition of “everyday reliance” provided in the Bill? YES/NO

No

Please give details to support your answer. If you think there are any aspects missing, please outline what you think should be included.

Any other comments

Is there anything which you expected the Bill to make provision for which has not been included in the Bill? YES/NO

Yes

Please give details to support your answer.

If you have any other comments in relation to the Bill please tell us here