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Submitted to School Uniforms (Trousers) Bill  
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### Introduction

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2 Do you consent to your submission being published on the Committee's website and included in the Committee's report?

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3 What is your name?

Name:

Foyle Womens Information Network

4 What is your email address?

Email:

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Another organisation - please provide details.

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Foyle Women's Information Network

6 What is your gender?

Female

### Purpose of the Bill

7 Do you agree with the purpose of the Bill?

Yes

Do you have any further comments?:

8 Do you foresee any unintended consequences of the Bill?

No

If you have answered 'yes', please provide details:

### Clauses of the Bill

#### Clause 1

9 Do you think Clause 1 will have the effects that are anticipated?

I believe Clause 1 will have all the anticipated effects.

If you have answered that Clause 1 will only have some of the anticipated effects, or won't have the anticipated effects, please provide details.:

#### Clause 2

10 It is appropriate for the DE to also publish its guidelines on school uniforms.

Strongly agree

Do you have any further comments? :

## Clause 3

11 Do you have any comments on this Clause?

No

If you have answered 'yes', please provide details.:

## Financial effects of the Bill

12 The financial effects of the Bill will be minimal. (See Paragraphs 19 and 20 of the Explanatory and Financial Memorandum.)

Strongly agree

Do you have any further comments? :

## Additional Comments and Observations

13 Additional comments and observations

Comment Box :

- The right to wear trousers applies consistently across all schools, without exemptions.
- Pupils do not need permission or have to justify their decision.
- Affordable, practical options are available from several retailers.
- Girls have access to suitable alternatives for PE, sport and outdoor activities, including longer shorts or other appropriate leg coverings.
- Schools communicate the change clearly to pupils, parents, staff and uniform suppliers.
- Staff receive guidance to prevent pupils experiencing stigma, bullying or discriminatory treatment.
- Pupils, particularly girls and young women, are meaningfully involved in reviewing school uniform policies.
- There is an accessible process for pupils and parents to report non-compliance or raise concerns.