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Questions Relating to Relevant Clauses in the Bill

Clause 1

The "Remuneration Board" better reflects the purpose of the body

Select the option which best reflects your view. Listed are Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree: Strongly Agree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

Clause 2

It is appropriate for the determination of Assembly members' salaries and pensions to be determined by an independent panel/board rather than by the Assembly Commission.

Choose option that best reflects your views. List is Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree: Strongly Agree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

It is appropriate for the determination of adequate resources required by Members for the exercise of their functions to be determined by the Assembly Commission rather than by an independent panel/board.

Select the option which best reflects your view. Listed are Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree: Strongly Agree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

Clause 3

The independent panel/board should have regard to the salaries payable to members of other legislatures when making determinations as to the salaries payable to Members of the Assembly

Choose option that best reflects your views. List is Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree: Strongly Disagree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

The Northern Ireland Assembly is not on par with those other legislatures. The cost of living and the average wage is not comparative with them, not does the NI Assembly have control over its own legislative process, having allowed over 300 EU laws to be imposed on NI.

The legislatures listed above are the appropriate legislatures to consider when making such determinations

Choose option that best reflects your views. List is Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree: Strongly Disagree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

What has the legislature of ROI got to do with NI?

Clause 4

The temporary filling of vacant positions on the board/panel should be permitted, pending the appointment of replacements.

Choose option that best reflects your views. List is Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree: Agree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

Clause 5

Former Members of the Assembly should be permitted to sit on the panel/board.

Choose option that best reflects your views. List is Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree: Strongly Disagree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

Clause 6

It is appropriate for determinations to be made at least 6 months before the date of the poll for the Assembly elections.

Choose option that best reflects your views. List is Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree: Agree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

Provision should be made to require determinations to be published in draft and made the subject of consultation.

Choose option that best reflects your views. List is Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree: Agree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

Consultation should be undertaken before the Board issues determinations more than once in respect of an Assembly, or otherwise than in accordance with the timing rules set out in subsection (2).

Choose option that best reflects your views. List is Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree: Agree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

Additional Comments and Observations

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Enter any additional comments or observations you have on the Bill, including on Clauses 7 to 11.:

MLAs need to prove to the electorate that they are doing the job for which they are already well paid. It is very hard to convince the pensioner struggling on a basic pension that their MLA needs such a huge pay rise.