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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: Neither Agree or Disagree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

I don't think it matters what it's called.

# 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:

I think the decision should be made independently and MLAs should not be able to band together to push wage increases for themselves through.

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: Disagree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

The decisions should be made by an independent panel or board.

#### 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: Disagree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

I think under the present climate a ten thousand pound increase in MLA wages is unspeakable. The work that they have done in the past.

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: Disagree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

The Dail is a national Parliament and Stormont is a regional Assembly, the work they do is not the same and Stormont does not have the power or responsibility over all aspects of NI life.

I think Scottish and Welsh elected reps are more on par as they are also devolved administrations.

### 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:

The Board should also be representative of the NI population and from across civic life, people from NGOs, charities, Churches etc

### 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: Disagree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

Everything should be independent and I think a former member sitting on a board remains a conflict of interest.

### 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:

Consultations should be accessible to all of the public. I have had to reach out to get help because I am an elderly person and do not have access to the internet or the capacity to navigate an online consultation. I do not have an email address and have had to provide a false address to allow me to engage in this consultation. This format discriminates against those who are not confident in their online skills and those who do not have access to the internet. While much of the world is digital, the consultation process is important and should be constructed in a manner that allows anyone to get involved.

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: Strongly Agree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

The NI public should be consulted at every stage and I would like this decision to go to the public for referendum.

# Additional Comments and Observations

Additional Comments and Observations (including on Clauses 7 to 11)

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

I don't think the Assembly Commission is transparent enough and should have more public input into the Commission.