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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: 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 Agree

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The Independent Panel/Board should also consider the salaries payable to members of other legislatures as to the amounts payable for positions of responsibility. For example the Senedd provides remuneration for both Statutory and Standing Committee positions of responsibility. The remuneration for standing committees of the NI Assembly does not reflect the workload or responsibilities.

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 Agree

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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: Strongly 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: Agree

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: Strongly Agree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

Determinations should be applicable as soon as the decision is made and no later than 6 months before the date of the poll for the Assembly elections. This means any elected member will receive the salary and pension determined by the Independent panel/board as soon as decided, and should be backdated to the first day of the financial year in which the decision is taken.

Any future elected members will know, before deciding to stand for election, what the remuneration will be for the position well in advance of the date of poll.

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: Strongly Agree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

The consultation should include the rational and any comparisons used by the Independent panel/group to explain and clarify their recommendations

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

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.:

Clause 10, meetings of the panel - to include the requirement to take and publish minutes of all meetings and any evidence collected.