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Dear [REDACTED]

May you and all your commissioners have a restful holiday. May Shereen Williams and all her team have a good Christmas and all be refreshed for the new year. May it be a good one for you all. Please may I ask for my personal details - name, address etc - be kept private. I would like to make some comments and suggestions for the Senedd Constituencies. It is good that you have all monolingual names in Welsh. With Gwynedd and Maldwyn could Glynidwr be added. It is part of the constituency, but does not appear in its title. It is the same in English and Welsh so fits well with the monolingual names. Other constituencies have three names, for instance Bangor Conwy Môn. If put alphabetical it would come first but that ought not deter/eliminate its use. With Merthyr Cynon Taf, it is not alphabetical ordered. The importance &/or knowability of the name takes precedence. Which ever ordering is chosen ought to be used throughout. Depending on the ordering Glynidwr could be at the end. Of course another name for that area could be used. With the constituency Afan Ogwr Rhondda the town most known there is Port Talbot, which has been there for well over 140 years. Therefore it would be good to have it in the title as Phort Talbot. It could be first in the title as Merthyr is in Merthyr Cynon Taf. Both Ogwr & Rhondda are each known for more than the rivers - and this is why they are so well known. But this is not the case for Afan. Phort Talbot is well known, and thus better than Afan. In Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni constituency, Rhymni is in & including Caerffili. Caerffili is part of Rhymni Valley. Therefore Rhymni is sufficient. Thus Blaenau Gwent Rhymni. This is fine since UK Parliamentary constituency names would be used (& Rhymni not used in the English). But if you felt a distinction ought to be made then valley could be used i.e. dyffryn or cwm - Cwm is best/well known. Thus Blaenau Gwent Cwm Rhymni - Caerffili is not specially picked out/emphasised of all the towns in that valley. With the two Cardiff constituencies a slight modification with each of their titles. That you have used South-East to try to include and show the two UK Parliamentary constituencies used i.e. Cardiff South & Penarth, and Cardiff East. It does NOT represent nor reflect the whole constituency. When you say South-East Cardiff, you do not include the whole of the constituency. What of that in the South-West? Excluded. Thus it is best to say, and correct, South Cardiff - South Cardiff & Penarth. But if it is felt to distinguish it from UK Parliament ones then Southern - deheuol could be used. Some sources put the Welsh for Penarth as Phenarth. So being monolingual Welsh Phenarth would be used. Therefore either De Caerdydd Phenarth or Deheuol Caerdydd Phenarth the title for the constituency. That you have used North-West to show the two UK Parliament constituencies used, that both are included. When you say North-West, people think of the compass & its points and the quadrant it refers to. That is using this form of compass - points divides Cardiff into four: NW, NE, SE, SW. Thus North-West Cardiff only includes half the constituency, it does not cover all of it - N.E. (more really North-Central). Therefore the inclusive one, to cover all the constituency is North Cardiff. If it was felt to distinguish from the UK Parliamentary one is necessary, then ~~Ab~~gogleddol could be used. Therefore either Gogledd Caerdydd or Gogleddol Caerdydd the title for the constituency. If you look at the map De-ddwyrain does NOT cover the whole constituency; Gogledd-orllewin Caerdydd does NOT cover the whole constituency. But De/Dheuol (Cardiff) does include the whole of the constituency, and Gogledd/Gogleddol does include the whole of the constituency.

One of the main things that form modern Wales is the principal council areas. This is where people live, work, and who provide most of their services. And to who they pay Council Tax. Therefore for the people it would be best for them if these were followed. It is also best for Senedd members as it reduces their workload. Therefore these ought to have a very high priority. Mid-Wales is separate from North Wales or South Wales. In your Senedd constituencies Mid Wales is divided between North and South. Mid Wales is essentially Powys and Ceredigion. Powys is the main part of Mid-Wales and is divided by two proposed Senedd constituencies. Therefore to "make" Powys from the two relevant UK Parliament constituencies. That is Montgomeryshire & Glyndŵr and Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe to come together to form the Senedd constituency of Powys. The west coast would be brought together by Dwyfor Meirionnydd and Ceredigion Preselli coming together to form the Senedd constituency of Bae Aberteifi / Bae Ceredigion. Powys is well served by A roads North to South and is well connected. Bae Aberteifi / Ceredigion has the coastal A running its entire length. Thus both these are well linked, well connected. The UK Parliamentary constituencies of Carmarthen and Mid & South Pembrokeshire would form the Senedd constituencies of Caerfyrddin Pen fo. These have formed a constituency previous and have a good history together. These two go together far better than Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire - much better. More links and movements between the two, etc. The UK constituencies of Llanelli and Gower would come together to form the Senedd constituency of Llwchwr. This is the river that runs through this area on which the towns of Llanelli and Llwchwr are on either side. The name could alternatively be Llanelli Llwchwr. These towns are well linked by a bridge, and not far, they are close together. The UK constituencies of Swansea West and Neath and Swansea East would come together to form the Senedd constituency of Aber Tawe Castell Nedd. This will bring all Swansea City together as one, with Neath Town. Just as you put Newport ~~West~~ ^{East} & Newport ~~West~~ ^{East} together to unite the City of Newport, which has been most welcome and all think is good. Similarly bringing Swansea West, and Neath & Swansea East together to unite the City of Swansea. Thus Wales' second City would be within one Senedd constituency, just like our third city, the City of Newport is within one Senedd constituency.

Thus the above mergers of UK constituencies form Senedd constituencies which serve Mid, South-Western & West Wales much better. It serves Swansea all together - our Second City of Wales. It serves Powys all together, and gives a voice to Mid-Wales which is for only Mid-Wales. The current proposal has no voice to Mid-Wales. The above has benefits & advantages over the current proposals for the same area. Further Pembrokeshire and County Caerfyrddin is much better for Pembrokeshire than is Ceredigion. Thus, all in all the above serves the localities better and will deliver better outcomes. It ought to be noted that the proposed Gwynedd ~~and~~ ^{and} Llyn constituency is most difficult to transverse and does not form a coherent constituency.

I hope the name suggestions will be helpful and beneficial.

Please may the commission give consideration with the proposal/proposals that lead to a united Swansea City in one Senedd constituency, and Powys in one constituency giving a voice for Powys and for Mid Wales. All this will give Wales better representation in the Senedd. May I wish you all the best in your work and endeavours.

Would you please keep my information - name, address, etc - private & confidential. Thank-you.

Have a really good Christmas and may the New Year be an improving year for all.

All the very best, kindest regards