

1. Is it right that Gaelic be recognised as one of the languages of Scotland in statute? Yes. Gaelic is Scotland's oldest language and deserves to have equal/official status as English.

2. Should Bòrd na Gàidhlig have the functions provided in Section 1 of the draft Bill? Yes. BNG should be the functions detailed.

3. Should the requirements in Sections 2 and 3 of the draft Bill be placed on Bòrd na Gàidhlig? Yes

4. Should Bòrd na Gàidhlig be given the powers in Schedule 1, paragraph 11 of the Bill? Yes

5. Are there other matters beyond those in Section 5(5) of the draft Bill that public bodies should have regard to in determining whether to prepare a Gaelic language plan? No

6. Should public bodies be required to consider whether it is appropriate to prepare and publish a Gaelic language plan describing the services they will offer in Gaelic? They should be made to to prepare and publish a Gaelic language plan describing the services they will offer in Gaelic.

7. Should the Bill provide for Bòrd na Gàidhlig to assist and advise public bodies in the preparation of Gaelic language plans? BNG should undertake this or else a separate body set up/assisted by BNG.

8. Should the Bill require Bòrd na Gàidhlig to prepare guidance on Gaelic language planning? Yes

9. Should Bòrd na Gàidhlig have a role in advising education authorities and the Scottish Executive on plans for Gaelic medium education flowing from the 2000 Act? Yes

10. Would you like to comment on any other aspects of the draft Gaelic Language Bill? In regard to the Scottish Executive's draft Gaelic Bill: I support the proposed granting of statutory recognition to the National Gaelic Plan and to Bòrd na Gàidhlig I wish to see a categorical statement in the bill of Gaelic as "one of Scotland's national languages" I wish to see a categorical statement in the bill of Gaelic as an official language with equality of status with English I wish to see included a statutory right to state

education through the medium of Gaelic for all children, when reasonable demand is demonstrated I wish to see the formulation of Gaelic plans by public bodies to be a statutory obligation, rather than an option

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