

Dear Sir/Madam

DRAFT GAELIC LANGUAGE BILL

I would like to make the following observations in relation to the Draft Gaelic Language Bill:

- The Gaelic Language Bill should state unequivocally that Gaelic and English should have equal status in the eyes of the Law.
- All national bodies should be under a statutory obligation to produce and implement Gaelic Language Plans.
- Bòrd na Gaidhlig should be given the resources and legal powers to begin the process of revitalising the Gaelic language nationally.
- The standards of Scotland's School's etc. Act 2000 should be strengthened to ensure that Gaelic Medium Education is enhanced throughout Scotland.
- In general terms the Gaelic Bill should be strengthened to meet the aspirations of the Gaelic community in terms of education, economic, cultural and social development.

Yours truly