PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DETERMINATION REGARDING SALARIES FOR ASSEMBLY MEMBERS IN THE FIFTH ASSEMBLY

Consultation by the Remuneration Board for the National Assembly for Wales

Response from BMA Cymru Wales

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INTRODUCTION

BMA Cymru Wales is pleased to provide a response to the consultation by the Remuneration Board for the National Assembly for Wales on proposed changes to the determination regarding salaries for Assembly Members in the Fifth Assembly.

The British Medical Association represents doctors from all branches of medicine all over the UK; and has a total membership of over 150,000 including more than 3,000 members overseas and over 19,000 medical student members.

The BMA is the largest voluntary professional association of doctors in the UK, which speaks for doctors at home and abroad. It is also an independent trade union.

BMA Cymru Wales represents some 7,000 members in Wales from every branch of the medical profession.

RESPONSE

BMA Cymru Wales affirms its support for the principle of independent pay review bodies for the determination of public sector pay.

We believe, however, that it is important for the recommendations of such independent pay review bodies to be consistently applied across the public sector.

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In this regard, we would however note that in relation to the most recent recommendations on pay put forward by the Review Body on Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration (DDRB) \(^1\), the Welsh Government determined (as outlined in a written statement issued by the Minister for Health and Social Services on 13 March 2014\(^2\)) that it would not accept the recommendations put forward regarding the pay rise proposed for consultants and non-consultant salaried doctors, noting that financial pressures ‘are still a significant issue’.

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