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Ken Davies

- cabinet receives reports & considers them seriously.

Development of Devolution
Referendum Campaign
functions of assembly

Decision making in Wales not sensitive to needs of people of Wales, created imbalance in democracy.

Wales has never voted for a conservative majority since secret ballot & last (1978); yet has had Tory Sec. & State.

Development of quango state. SoS appointed more members to quangos than elected members

Sept 18 Labour campaigning for a yes vote.

Local authorities in favour
Voluntary sector in favour - & concordant
with in legislation (?) for consultation rights.
partnership council so on

60 members

- FPP

20

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AMS

→ will produce broadly proportional system

functions of SoS will be devolved to these members
+ secondary legislation

Had to reconcile need to have inclusive assembly & effective decision making & accountable.

joint advisory ctte pol part + non-pol + NGO sector - on internal architecture of assembly

allowing for cabinet style
Panel of chairs - chairs separate from political party secretaries of subject ctties.

JT) % vote of Welsh Nat. at least election
+ provision for them in cabinet.

RD Ctte chairs will rep. all parties.

APNI
SN has there been a change in heart post-ref.

private business
NGO sector consultative right - legislative base?

advisory ctte. on architecture of ass. ii one these plans to maintain that advice link?

iii) has the thinking on the ^{political} infrastructure been developed before or after referendum,

do you have a constitutional committee?

election systems
- gender balance - adapt to democratic necessities
prop. rules.

DT -

relationship between subject ctte & recruiting ctte.

GA relationships between an Assembly & any any all
independent institutions.

Attention & support given to Welsh lang.

Scheme for development of Welsh lang.

for 9 →

not matter for law →

matter for parties to decide.

aspiration to include gender balance
end of the day its up to electorate.

new type of democracy

Ass. will not fulfill aspiration

no convention in Wales. - internal pds

no, not a lot of detail worked out in advance.
after gen. election - it will develop.
~~development~~

don't know if advisory ctte will

13 people 6 m 7 F

all key sectors rep local govt.
CBI TU

objection is

no principle to the advisory ctte continuing work.

SoS to sign concordat 1st & then pass to assembly as it takes powers.

Westminster retain macro-economic policy powers.

series of concordats between Cardiff & Whitehall - different for different depts.

won't there be a demand for more powers?

JT 'Tony only sees the world through green glasses'

JT Council of Isles - favourable response in Wales?

RD duties on Assembly to further & promote local govt.
no review of local govt. stemming from the Assembly.

no provision to reduce number/powers of Welsh MPs.

CeIobas does find it personally attractive - compatible
prog of ~~new~~ ^{inward} investment, co-ordination

v. practical - extension of pro-existing arrangements
v. sensible to do.