

Identity and Language (Northern Ireland) Bill [HL]

AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN GRAND COMMITTEE

Clause 1

LORD MURPHY OF TORFAEN
BARONESS SUTTIE

Clause 1, page 2, leave out lines 5 to 11

Member's explanatory statement

This is part of a set of probing amendments. This is to probe the chosen definition of “public authority” in relevant Clauses.

LORD MURPHY OF TORFAEN
BARONESS SUTTIE

Clause 1, page 3, line 18, at end insert “including effective implementation of international human rights standards relevant to cultural identity and language;”

Member's explanatory statement

This probing amendment would provide that the Office of Identity and Cultural Expression may issue guidance on the implementation of relevant human rights standards.

BARONESS SUTTIE
LORD MURPHY OF TORFAEN

Clause 1, page 3, line 18, at end insert –

- “(aa) develop a comprehensive languages strategy to include all spoken and sign languages used within Northern Ireland, including a duty on public bodies to develop language schemes that meet the identified needs of their user base;”

Member's explanatory statement

This probing amendment would require the Office of Identity and Cultural Expression to develop a comprehensive language strategy to include other languages used in Northern Ireland.

Clause 2

BARONESS SUTTIE
LORD MURPHY OF TORFAEN

Clause 2, page 5, line 23, at end insert –

“(2A) The First Minister and deputy First Minister must have regard to advice provided by the Commissioner when making a decision to approve best practice standards under subsection (2).”

Member's explanatory statement

This probing amendment would require the First Minister and deputy First Minister to have regard to any advice provided by the Commissioner when deciding whether to approve best practice standards.

LORD MURPHY OF TORFAEN
BARONESS SUTTIE

Clause 2, page 7, leave out lines 19 to 31

Member's explanatory statement

This is part of a set of probing amendments. This is to probe the chosen definition of “public authority” in relevant Clauses.

Clause 3

LORD MURPHY OF TORFAEN
BARONESS SUTTIE

Clause 3, page 10, leave out lines 24 to 34

Member's explanatory statement

This is part of a set of probing amendments. This is to probe the chosen definition of “public authority” in relevant Clauses.

Clause 6

LORD MURPHY OF TORFAEN
BARONESS SUTTIE

Clause 6, page 11, line 36, at end insert –

“(aa) arrange for a statement to be made to each House of Parliament, and”

Member's explanatory statement

This probing amendment would require the Secretary of State to make a statement to Parliament when they use the powers of direction under this Clause.

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