

**P-04-526 Please make Senedd TV accessible to deaf people -
Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Committee, 28.05.14**

Hi

The recent response sent to me seems directed to someone else ? My petition is **not** about BSL access to the Senned TV, I never asked for that, just captions preferably in English, because the deaf cultural community in wales cannot put up any statistic to show they follow welsh, when they say 'bi-lingual' they mean English-sign language, not, English-welsh. I hope this clarifies the petition which doesn't support signed access to the assembly. I think the assembly is confusing deaf of the cultural variety and persuasion and sign-dependent, with the majority of deaf who do not. There is no viable demand from 3-400,000 welsh with hearing loss, for signed access. There is however an overwhelming need for captioned or subtitled access, especially at the Senedd and particularly, at the Cross-party Committee that is dedicated to our sectors, who so far haven't supported access to own proceedings for some reason, this is not a very democratic approach via the Assembly at all. I Understand 'BBC' output the assembly suggests it has no voice or control over, even if I disagree with that. We also are awaiting the Asembly website response to reviewing how it lists the deaf and other people with hearing loss with more clarity, to drop the sensory loss blanket approach. It is clear the petition committee itself is in some confusion if it is sending me info about BSL charities and deaf culture, in response to a subtitled English petition, that is a via different sector altogether.. I've not asked for BSL or a welsh access form.

M James