

Consultation on petition P-04-335 The Establishment of a Welsh Cricket Team  
Response from Matthew Maynard

Questions you may wish to consider in responding

1. Do you feel that the action called for is reasonable and/or feasible?

I believe the action is both reasonable and feasible. The Cricket Board of Wales (CBW) must take the lead, I believe the ECB would struggle to partition to the ICC to have two representative sides.

2. Is there evidence to support the assertion that the current arrangements mean that Welsh cricketers do not have access to the same opportunities as cricketers from other UK nations?

I don't believe the Welsh cricketers are disadvantaged when seeking to play International cricket. It may be easier for Irish or Scottish cricketers but Welsh cricketers, if good enough, can still go on and represent England.

3. What are the barriers to establishing a Welsh international cricket team?

The biggest barrier for me and a barrier that needs to be crossed carefully is the subject of Glamorgan Cricket. If the ECB is supportive of CBW's development into a National team then that would be the way to go, as Glamorgan would still retain its status and funding.

4. Should the ECB (England and Wales Cricket Board) team play home games in Wales? What are the arguments for and against this?

I can see no reason for the ECB not to play matches in Wales, unless a Welsh National side is accepted. They have had Welsh players playing for them in the past and I'm sure there will be more Welsh players playing for England in a few years. As Robert Croft always says "when I play for England, for me it's like playing for the British Lions" England have had captains from England, Scotland, Wales and most recently Ireland.

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