

Scottish Catholics for Labour

Questions

1 Do you have any comments on the proposal that applicants must live in their acquired gender for at least 3 months before applying for a GRC?

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

The Church believes that sex or gender cannot be reduced to a mere construct of society that is fluid and changeable. As my parish priest said recently from the altar some people have a (false) self belief that you can change gender.

A full explanation of the Church's position is detailed in a 2 page article by Anthony Horan, Catholic Parliamentary Office, in the Scottish Catholic Observer of 28th February 2020.

Further informed reasoning is found in Professor Gabriele Kuby's book *The Global Sexual Revolution: The Destruction of Freedom in the Name of Freedom*. A German sociologist and writer.

For the lived experience of a woman who has opposed the proposals and the threats she has received it is worth reading the articles by journalist Caroline Farrow over the last few years in *The Universe Catholic* newspaper.

2 Do you have any comments on the proposal that applicants must go through a period of reflection for at least 3 months before obtaining a GRC?

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

The Church believes that marriage is a union between one man and one woman. The determination of sex for this purpose is based on biology. The Church must be able to marry in accordance with her teaching.

Redefining something as fundamental as male and female is not within the purview of government or parliamentarians. Like marriage, it is part of the natural law: an unchanging principle of human existence.

3 Should the minimum age at which a person can apply for legal gender recognition be reduced from 18 to 16?

No

If you wish, please give reasons for your view.:

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4 Do you have any other comments on the provisions of the draft Bill?

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

Trans Women are not women. The use of ciswoman is insulting to the vast majority of born women.

Women groups like Scottish Women's Aid have had to sign up to Stonewall's statement on Trans-Inclusive services. However when you read SWA's submission to the first GRA consultation their serious concerns are detailed. They wish to be allowed to deal with Trans women differently from born woman. Quite rightly. Glasgow Life are also signed up to this pseudo ideology. They wished to ignore an incident in a unisex toilet [REDACTED] when police attended after a report of a man behaving in a sexually threatening way in the former women's toilet.

[REDACTED], a spokeswoman for woman and girls campaign group ForWomen.Scot said 'In opening up the women's toilets, [REDACTED] created the situation in which a man could and did take advantage of the chance to harass a woman.

In addition, to close down debate on the subject, Glasgow Life have given the spurious reason that they cannot stock Professor Gabriele Kubys book The Global Sexual Revolution: The Destruction of Freedom in the Name of Freedom as their book supplier states it is out of stock with the publisher.

They state they cannot order from Amazon as they do not have a trading relationship with them.

Stonewall, Glasgow Life and informal male networks in policy positions at the SG are examples of privileged self entitled men dictating their views to women and girls. They are adept at silencing opposition, othering those with opposing views, and a disdain for persons with a religious faith.

Indeed they wish to impose their views on traditional practicing Christians, Muslims and Jews against their religious beliefs by forcing most teachers in non denominational and in the near future denominational schools in Scotland to teach LGBT so called 'inclusive education' to primary and nursery children.

Examples of this include the recent concerning incident of a drag queen reading to seven year olds in a Paisley Primary school and the subsequent doubling down of the local MP and LGBT groups. The teaching of cultural and religious inappropriate material to young Muslim children against their parents wishes in Birmingham primary schools.

In my view leave the discussion of these matters to 3rd year of Secondary School where pupils are beginning to form their own ideas and can question e.g. Christianity, Stonewall riots, safe sex messages etc. No one is condoning bullying or name calling.

The discordant harmony of a pride march with the mocking of religious groups ([REDACTED]), exhibitionism, narcissism and potential exploitation is not the place, in my view, for vulnerable young adults. It is also not my understanding of God's plan for living your life.

Unfortunately the current FM, who I believe is very sincere on achieving better outcomes for children who are/have been in care is not of that opinion. Time will tell.

5 Do you have any comments on the draft Impact Assessments?

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

As detailed above there is widespread concern by women's groups of the removal of single sex spaces and services, an exception under the Equality Act 2010, which provides a vital protection for women and girls.

There has been a reported case of a convicted rapist ([REDACTED]) who declared himself female on incarceration and successfully applied to be moved to a woman's prison. This manipulative transgender inmate then went on to sexually assault female inmates at the prison.

Also of special concern is the safety and well-being of female schoolchildren if natal makes are to be allowed to occupy female only changing facilities and toilets in schools and sports centres. Quite understandably if they experience fear and alarm and report their concerns to the relevant authority they are to be 're-educated' that their natural fears are unfounded and that training will be provided as to how they should react. An example of the ludicrous and worrying thinking of the proponents of these changes.

There has also been well reported incidents of a transgender woman attacking young females in supermarkets [REDACTED]. No doubt the transgender lobby would not wish for you to know about these attacks.