# CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

The registration of civil partnerships

## Question 1 (Paragraphs 2.12 and 2.13)

Do you agree that legislation should be changed so that civil partnerships could be registered through religious ceremonies?

- Yes
- No [✓]
- Don't know

Please give reasons for your answer.

**Comments**

*Except only those religions that are not Bible based or profess to be followers of non-Christian centered teaching*

## Question 2 (Paragraphs 2.14 to 2.19)

Do you think that the proposals in England and Wales on registration of civil partnerships in religious premises would be appropriate for Scotland?

- Yes
- No [✓]
- Don't know

If you have answered no, please explain what elements of the proposals in England and Wales you consider inappropriate for Scotland.

**Comments**

*You go against the foundations and history that made this country a great influence in the world*
Question 3 (Paragraphs 2.20 to 2.24)

Do you agree with allowing religious celebrants to register civil partnerships in religious premises?

Yes ☐
No ☑
Don't know ☐

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

With three exceptions:
They do not profess the Bible as the word of God -
They do not profess to be followers of Jesus Christ

Question 4 (Paragraphs 2.20 to 2.24)

Do you agree with allowing religious celebrants to register civil partnerships in other places agreed between the celebrant and the couple?

Yes ☐
No ☑
Don't know ☐

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

That would be the same exceptions as listed in Response 3 and 1
Question 5  (Paragraph 2.25)
Do you agree that religious bodies should not be required to register civil partnerships?
Yes  
No  
Don't know  

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments
The Gov't should _not_ be allowed to force anyone to go against their Spiritual and Personal Convictions + beliefs.

Question 6  (Paragraphs 2.26 and 2.27)
Do you consider that religious celebrants should not be allowed to register civil partnerships if their religious body has decided against registering civil partnerships?
Yes  
No  
Don't know  

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments
If they don't agree they should resign! If a member of the Liberal party of Parliament voted with Conservatives, wouldn't the Liberal party ask that member to leave - or place that member under party discipline?  duh!
Question 7 (Paragraphs 2.28 to 2.30)

Do you agree that individual religious celebrants should not be required to register civil partnerships?

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Please give reasons for your answer

**Comments**

Those who follow the teachings of Jesus Christ and believe the Bible is the Word of God should not be required to participate in ceremonies that violate and compromise their beliefs.

Question 8 (Paragraphs 2.31 to 2.35)

Which of the options do you favour to ensure that religious bodies and celebrants do not have to register civil partnerships against their will?

Do you favour:

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If you have another option, please describe it.

**Comments**
Question 9  ( Paragraphs 2.36 to 2.40 )

Religious bodies may not wish their premises to be used to register civil partnerships. Do you agree that no legislative provision is required to ensure religious premises cannot be used against the wishes of the relevant religious body?

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Please give reasons for your answer

**Comments**

No legislation is needed unless there is current legislation being considered to force our premises to be used against the faith and practices of the members.
Same sex marriage

Question 10  (Paragraphs 3.11 and 3.12)

Do you agree that the law in Scotland should be changed to allow same sex marriage?

Yes  [ ]
No  [x]
Don’t know  [ ]

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

I and the Church I pastor believe in the Bible as God’s Holy & uncompromising word for life — Marriage was designed by God to be between man & woman and to reproduce — replenish the Earth.

Question 11  (Paragraph 3.13)

Do you agree that religious bodies and celebrants should not be required to solemnise same sex marriage?

Yes  [ ]
No  [x]
Don’t know  [ ]

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

Christian — Christ following Ministers, Bishops, Pastors and Church Organisation should not be required to participate — bless — or solemnise an act they do not agree with or believe in —
### Question 12  (Paragraphs 3.14 to 3.18)

Do you agree with the introduction of same-sex civil marriage only?

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Please give reasons for your answer

**Comments**

What an [redacted]... 

Now Bible Believing majority decide to do in their decision – I do not have to agree – Especially since they so vehemently and sometimes angrily disagree with our Church organisation.

### Question 13  (Paragraph 3.19)

Do you agree with the introduction of same-sex marriage, both religious and civil?

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Please give reasons for your answer

**Comments**

My Biblical and Christ following convictions hold that any marriage is between man and woman.
Question 14 (Paragraphs 3.23 and 3.24)
Do you agree that religious bodies should not be required to solemnise same sex marriage?

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Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

Biblically and according to the Teaching of Jesus and Paul the Apostle it would force our Church to go against the Teaching and practices that many holy Saints and Saints Women gave their lives for.

Question 15 (Paragraphs 3.25 and 3.26)
Do you consider that religious celebrants should not be allowed to solemnise same sex marriages if their religious body has decided against solemnising same sex marriage?

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Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

They should follow the practices of Faith they made their Vow to!
Question 16 (Paragraphs 3.27 and 3.28)

Do you agree that individual religious celebrants should not be required to solemnise same sex marriage?

Yes ☐
No ☐
Don't know ☐

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

Should not be FORCED by Gov't to go against our Faith.

Question 17 (Paragraphs 3.29 to 3.33)

Which of the options do you favour to ensure that religious bodies and celebrants do not have to solemnise same sex marriage against their will?

Do you favour:
Option 1 ☐
Option 2 ☐
Neither ☐
Don't know ☐

Please give reasons for your answer and if you have another option, please describe it.

Comments

Individuals will be individuals - it is their right to take place - which is obvious. Then I prefer Option 1. Although my Biblical and Christ Centered Connection do not allow me to support same sex activities.
Question 18 (Paragraphs 3.34 to 3.39)

Religious bodies may not wish their premises to be used to solemnise same sex marriage. Do you agree that no legislative provision is required to ensure religious premises cannot be used against the wishes of the relevant religious body?

Yes ☐
No ☐
Don’t know ☑

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

If there is no legislation now why is any needed? Too much legislation let the membership decide.

Question 19 (Paragraph 3.41)

If Scotland should introduce same-sex marriage, do you consider that civil partnerships should remain available?

Yes ☐
No ☐
Don’t know ☑

Please give reasons for your answer

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We are particularly interested in your views on:

- potential implications of the proposals for transgender people (paragraph 3.42)
- possible transitional arrangements (paragraphs 3.43 and 3.44);
- recognition of Scottish same sex marriages elsewhere (paragraphs 3.45 to 3.49);
- any comments on forced marriage (paragraphs 3.51 and 3.52)
- any comments on sham marriage (paragraph 3.53)
- potential financial implications (paragraphs 4.01 to 4.08);
- potential equality implications (paragraphs 4.09 to 4.14).