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

Religious civil partnerships are unnecessary and will harm religious liberty. As a minister of religion I see no Biblical warrant for this. Rather the union of one man and one woman in marriage.

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
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
When civil partnerships were introduced, it was promised that they would be completely secular, and the consultation departs from that position.

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
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

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
Question 7 (Paragraphs 2.28 to 2.30)

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

Yes  [✓]
No   [ ]
Don't know [ ]

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

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:

Option 1 [ ]
Option 2 [✓]
Neither [ ]

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?

Yes  
No  [✓]  
Don’t know  

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments
### 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 [✓]
- Don't know [ ]

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

I answered no because I fundamentally oppose redefining marriage. Children need a mother and father. Homosexual "marriage" denigrates this.

Homosexual "marriage" now redefines marriage for the whole of society.

If marriage is redefined for homosexuals, the new legal definition will be the one promoted in schools and by other public bodies, to the destruction of the society as we know it.

### Question 11 (Paragraph 3.13)

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

- Yes [✓]
- No [ ]
- Don't know [ ]

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments
Question 12  (Paragraphs 3.14 to 3.18)
Do you agree with the introduction of same-sex civil marriage only?
Yes □
No □
Don’t know □
Please give reasons for your answer

Question 13  (Paragraph 3.19)
Do you agree with the introduction of same-sex marriage, both religious and civil?
Yes □
No ▶
Don’t know □
Please give reasons for your answer

Comments
Whatever the politicians say, if marriage is redefined, there will surely be an erosion of religious liberty and freedom of conscience.
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

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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

I answer "yes" to Questions 14 and 15, although the Consultation paper admits there will be a risk of legal action against churches. Please note that the Establishment principle requires that the Government support the Christian religion, and still does so.
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

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
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

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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

Comments
Question 20  (Paragraph 4.19)

Do you have any other comments?

Yes  ☐
No   ☐

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).

Comments