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

Civil partnerships are not marriage and should not take place in a religious building

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

Civil partnerships are secular

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

Comments

It civil partnerships may be contrary to the
discipline of a religious body.

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

It would create a problem of conscience for the
celebrant.
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
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  [x]  Don't know  [ ]

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

This could result in disciplinary problems for churches.
### 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**

> Change has been proved to be the best way of life for thousands of years

#### Question 11 (Paragraph 3.13)
Do you agree that religious bodies and celebrants should not be required to solemnise same sex marriage?

- Yes [X]
- 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

Comments

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

It tempts with the long established views of Churches.
Question 14 (Paragraphs 3.23 and 3.24)
Do you agree that religious bodies should not be required to solemnise same sex marriage?
Yes [✓]
No [□]
Don't know [□]
Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

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?
Yes [✓]
No [□]
Don't know [□]
Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

The Church should be able to adhere to their principles and expect celebrants to comply.
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

A celebrant should be able to adhere to his beliefs and conscience

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

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