CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

The registration of civil partnerships

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<td>Do you agree that legislation should be changed so that civil partnerships could be registered through religious ceremonies?</td>
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Comments: Disagree with civil partnerships

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

At is against religious beliefs

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

We do not agree with civil partnerships

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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: Was it contemplated to force religious bodies to do this?

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: Religion does not allow us.
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

Why should the state interfere in spiritual matters?

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.

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Please give reasons for your answer

Comments: Religious bodies should be clear that the law does NOT compel them.
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  □
Don't know  □

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

Marriage is between a man and a woman. It cannot be between 2 people of the same sex.

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

Stand by reason.
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
Marriage is, by definition, between a man and a woman.
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

Discipline within a community requires this.
Question 16 (Paragraphs 3.27 and 3.28)

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

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Comments

Once again, the contemplation of force to impose someone's will on another.

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:

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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  X
Don't know  

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

[Handwritten note: "It has to be made abundantly clear, so no officious person seeks to impose their own views."]

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

[Handwritten note: "ABSTAIN"]
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

We believe that marriage should remain as God ordained it, i.e. between one man and one woman.