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 x
Don’t know □

Please give reasons for your answer.

As a practicing Catholic I find the proposals in this consultation to be another attack on the morals and values of Christians in this country. From the destruction of adoption societies with Christian values, the continued attempts to legalise euthanasia under a multitude of veiled themes and now the attempt to undermine the sacrament of matrimony politicians in Scotland have shown that they do not care about the views of Scotland’s Catholics and our values.

Civil partnerships are already in place for homosexuals who wish to live together and meet the requirement under the law for any individuals who share property etc but under no circumstance can it be in any stretch of the imagination a marriage. Please look up the definition of marriage...

I strongly oppose this proposal and hope that the general public will see it for what it is, another attack on Christianity and in the words of Bishop Tartaglia. “Any government that implements this does not deserve the trust and support of the Catholic Community in Scotland.

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 x
Don’t know □
If you have answered no, please explain what elements of the proposals in England and Wales you consider inappropriate for Scotland.

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Question 3  
(Paragraphs 2.20 to 2.24)
Do you agree with allowing religious celebrants to register civil partnerships in religious premises?
Yes  
No  x
Don't know  

Please give reasons for your answer

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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  x
Don't know  

Please give reasons for your answer
Question 5  (Paragraph 2.25)
Do you agree that religious bodies should not be required to register civil partnerships?

Yes  x
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  x
No  
Don't know  

Please give reasons for your answer
Question 7 (Paragraphs 2.28 to 2.30)

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

Yes [x]  
No [ ]  
Don’t know [ ]

Please give reasons for your answer

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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 [x]  

If you have another option, please describe it.

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The registration of so called civil partnerships is a matter solely for the state and the individuals for the sharing of assets when the partnership dissolves. As it is not and can never be described as a marriage then religion does not come into it. A loan is an arrangement between 2 individuals but you would not expect it to be blessed by anyone.

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  x  
No  
Don’t know  

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments
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

Homosexuals cannot be married under the definition of what marriage is.

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

For the reasons described above

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

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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  x
No   
Don’t know  

Please give reasons for your answer

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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.

Do not legalise homosexual marriage
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  \[x\]
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  \[x\]
No  \[
Don’t know  \[

Please give reasons for your answer

The option should be the only option for two individuals of the same sex who want to live together.
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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).

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