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

Marriage as currently accepted in society as between one man and one woman for life is the fundamental basis of a stable society. The proposed change is bound to exacerbate the current trend of family breakdown and moral disorder.

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

Any suggestion that moral trends in England should influence legislation in Scotland is in direct conflict with this Government's well publicised agenda.
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
Such a proposal is in direct conflict with the unambiguous teaching on these issues in God's Word.

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
For the reasons given above
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

Any imposition by government upon the conscientiously held convictions of Christians will be regarded as an assault on our religious liberty of expression won at great cost by our forebears.

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

For the reasons given above
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

FOR THE REASONS GIVEN ABOVE

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

FOR THE REASONS GIVEN ABOVE.
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
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

For the reasons given above.

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

For the reasons given above.
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

FOR THE REASONS GIVEN 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

Comments

FOR THE REASONS GIVEN ABOVE
**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**

FOR THE REASONS ALREADY GIVEN

**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**

FOR REASONS ALREADY GIVEN
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

Reasons already given

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

The concept of 'same-sex' marriage has no place in a moral society.
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

FOR REASONS ALREADY GIVEN

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

THE FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLE OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN FOR LIFE IS ALONE THE BASIS FOR A STABLE SOCIETY.
Question 20  (Paragraph 4.19)

Do you have any other comments?

Yes  [ ]

No  [x]

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).