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
This could open churches to threats of legal action. Even a conscience clause is very likely over time will be removed on the basis of alleged Homophobia in Society.

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
Civil partnership and Marriage are distinctive and different for this reason civil partnership should have no religious element to it.
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

Comments

civil partnerships are wholly 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  [X]  
Don't know  

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

No comment
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
Religious bodies should not ever be forced into registering civil partnerships or else religious liberty and freedom of conscience would be violated.

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  No comment
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

"No comment"

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

"No comment"
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   [X]
Don't know  [ ]

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments
This would avoid problems of dissention and division within a denomination.
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

This proposal would redefine marriage from its natural, historical, cultural and legal understanding of being between a man and a woman. Redefining should not be forced on a majority by a minority. Children are required to be raised by a Mother and a Father. This has clearly been defined in the word of God and a secular government has no authority to redefine 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

No comment
Question 12  (Paragraphs 3.14 to 3.18)
Do you agree with the introduction of same-sex civil marriage only?

Yes  [ ]
No  [x]
Don't know [ ]

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments
Same sex marriage is a contradiction in terms and cannot be allowed. The key purpose in marriage is procreation and raising children. Same sex marriage as such cannot be defined as marriage.

Question 13  (Paragraph 3.19)
Do you agree with the introduction of same-sex marriage, both religious and civil?

Yes  [ ]
No  [x]
Don't know [ ]

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments
Marriage conducted either in a religious or civil context is an institution central to all society. A minority should not be allowed to revise church teaching on active same sex relationships.
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

Do not impose same sex marriage on those who uphold the Biblical definition of marriage.

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

Celebrants should not be allowed to disobey the Church institutions.
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

To force church ministers to carry out same sex marriages who take the biblical position would be a gross violation even if the denomination has decided to do so.

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

Ministers who for conscience sake will not marry same sex couples should be kept on a government "conscientious objectors" list should this law be passed.
### 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?

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Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

*no comment*

### Question 19 (Paragraph 3.41)

If Scotland should introduce same-sex marriage, do you consider that civil partnerships should remain available?

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Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

*no comment*
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).