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

I am responding No to this question. I feel and strongly believe that the granting of religious civil partnerships is unnecessary and would be detrimental to religious liberty.

Sam an Elder of Central Baptist Church
Dundee.

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?

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Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

When civil partnerships were introduced it was made clear that they would be completely secular and the consultation seems to be at variance with that position.

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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?

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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

"Should such bodies be required to register civil partnerships if their faith is to be preserved?"

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
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
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

A new law is not required to prevent a religious body's premises being used against its will.
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?

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Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

The redefinition of the traditional values of marriage will further damage the very fabric of our society. Marriage is the cornerstone of society. It is embedded in family and in cultures around the world.

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

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Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

Many have already advised the government that their position would become untenable.
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
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
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

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

A new law is not required.

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