How would you characterise your views on the Bill in general?

In support

This is a very positive and progressive step forward for Scotland. We are proud of our welcoming and caring national character and this Bill is a logical and progressive continuation of that. I personally welcome this Bill as it will level the playing field and publicly declare Scotland intentions to make everyone equal under the yes of the law.

How would you characterise your views on the introduction of same sex marriage, so that same sex couples can marry each other?

In support

This is something I support very much as it is illogical & cruel that same sex couples can not marry the person they love. We can no claim to live in a fair & equal society until this Bill is passed.

How would you characterise your views on putting belief celebrants on the same footing as religious celebrants?

In support

There should be no barrier to performing weddings, humanism, atheist, christian, muslim whatever it should all be equal under the law!

How would you characterise your views on the arrangements for authorising celebrants to solemnise opposite sex and same sex marriage (including the opt-in procedures)?

In support

Churches and religious institutions should be able to opt in. However even if their own canon or law do not recognise a marriage between same sex couples then the law should.

How would you characterise your views on civil partnerships changing to marriages?

In support

People should be able to choose whatever is appropriate for them.

How would you characterise your views on allowing civil marriage ceremonies to take place anywhere, other than religious premises, agreed between the couple and registrar?
In support

The location should not matter!

How would you characterise your views on allowing the religious and belief registration of civil partnerships?

In support

Many religious people are champing at the bit to perform same sex weddings. So allow them to legally do so with recognition under the law.

How would you characterise your views on allowing transgender persons to stay married when obtaining a full Gender Recognition Certificate, which provides legal recognition in the acquired gender?

In support

The married the person, their soul if you will, not the genitals.

Would you like to comment on the wider issue of protections for those in society who may have concerns about same sex marriage?

The only protection they would require is an opt in procedure. If they don't want to perform same sex marriages, then they don't have to.

Would you like to comment on the wider issue of freedom of speech?

Would you like to comment on any other wider issues in relation to the Bill that are not mentioned above?

Are you responding as...

a private individual

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