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

In support

Men and women of marriageable age have the right to marry and to start a family.

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

In support

The European Court of Human Rights ruled in 2002 that this right extends to transsexual people who are now able to marry or enter civil partnerships in their acquired gender because of the Gender Recognition Act (2004).

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

In support

It is time to disestablish the church in this country and put a stop to the unequal processes of giving moral authority to bodies that have proven their claims to guide us morally.

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

It is important to give ALL people of ALL beliefs the right to self determination in the solemnising of their relationships and legally uphold partnerships.

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

Neither

If anyone, or any couple wish to have a civil partnership they should be allowed this as their alternative choice to marriage. Equality!

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

In support

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 European Court of Human Rights ruled in 2002 that this right extends to transsexual people who are now able to marry or enter civil partnerships in their acquired gender because of the Gender Recognition Act (2004).

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

We are not all heterosexual and those that have concerns need to educate themselves and get over their incredulous prejudices which are based on ignorance and fear.

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

We are all entitled to free speech - and to express that speech without harm to others in appropriate forums. Your freedom stops when it impinges on someone else’s. You don't have to agree with another’s view but both sides merit hearing. Without freedom of speech, other fundamental rights, like the right to vote, would wither and die.

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

Bigotry and sectarianism are Scotland's not so secret shame, and the prizing in law or funding of any belief group over others is the root cause of many of Scotland’s issues today.

Are you responding as...

a private individual

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