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

I'm very pleased the Scottish government has brought forward this Bill. If the Bill passes it will be a great step forward for our country.

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

Strongly in support of this Bill. It will correct an inequality that has existed for too long.

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

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

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

I think this is the right step. With the introduction of marriages available for all, there is little need for a separate civil partnership option, so I think it should be phased out/abolished, with all those currently within a civil partnership becoming married.

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

I think a couple should be able to get married in the location if their choice.

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

I think it is very important this is included in the Bill.

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

I think the opt-in system for churches to carry out same sex marriages satisfies everyone's needs surrounding this Bill.

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

Even though I am for equal marriage, I think it's very important that people on both sides of the debate are able to speak freely over this issue.

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

Are you responding as...

an academic
a private individual

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