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

In opposition

No Bill was mentioned in the SNP Manifesto, the weighted Consultation Question10 "Do you agree the law should be changed to allow same-sex marriage" was rejected by a number equivalent to the combined total of all Scottish political party memberships, no referendum has been held to seek the view of the electorate and the Bill has, therefore, no electoral validity.

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

In opposition

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights declares the Family to be 'the natural and fundamental building block of society'. Families can only naturally consist of two parents with offspring. Homosexual activity precludes offspring. Same-sex marriage, consequently, precludes family and therefore militates against the development of society.

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

Neither

I don't understand the question.

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)?

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

In opposition

Unnecessary and vexatious.

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?

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

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

A police chaplain in the now defunct Strathclyde Police was displaced for stating, in a personal capacity, his belief that marriage should take place only between a man and a woman. Strathclyde Police stated that they respected the religious and political beliefs of all employees, but they could not be publicly stated as representing the Police, an apolitical body. Strathclyde Police, however, allowed homosexual police officers to, off duty, in uniform, participate in homosexual parades known as Gay Pride. No such suppression of one viewpoint while advertising another should be permitted in any public service.

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

There is a prevalent attitude in much of the media and in politics where a person prepared to demand or even request freedom of speech for those not in favour of all and every demand of homosexual lobbies are bigoted homophobes. ('a person' should read 'persons' or 'people').

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

As previously stated, I believe the Bill to have no democratic legitimacy unless backed by an election or a referendum.

Are you responding as...

a private individual

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