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

In support

I strongly support and welcome the bill. It will be a huge step forward for equality in Scotland, at a time when we should be proud to promote the rights of all citizens to have their relationships recognised.

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 law should treat all marriages the same, regardless of the genders of the spouses.

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

In support

All appropriate celebrants whatever their beliefs should be on an equal footing.

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

I think they are pragmatic

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

In support

I am in support for those who wish this to happen

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
I think all options should be available

**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 support the principle and would expect the law to ensure individuals are not discriminated against in its operation

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

I do not understand what they need to be protected from.

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

Freedom of speech is essential to a civilised society. It is not just saying what we think, it also encompasses ensuring that we listen to the disenfranchised and those who have historically been discriminated against.

**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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