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

In support

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. This is the right thing to do. Marriage is about two people showing love, care and commitment to each other, gender is irrelevant. I am pleased and proud of Scotland taking this action to promote human rights and believe it will strengthen Scottish society.

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

I support this, but reluctantly due to the opt in procedures. I would prefer opt out procedures. Making the procedures opt in gives credence to the view that same sex marriage is not equal, acceptable, valid or to be encouraged and celebrated. Ho

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

In support

Same sex partnerships should not have a "second class" status. I'm glad that solemnised marriages will be "backdated" to the the date of previously registered civil partnerships.

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 would prefer some wording that reminded people that marriage is a serious commitment and that the place should reflect this. I wouldn't want to see Scotland creating a version of the Elvis Presley chapel in Las Vegas!
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

If a couple desire to stay married when one or both of them go through a transgender process this speaks of an unshakeable love and commitment and allowing the renewal of the marriage is right.

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

Hearing and responding with respect the views and concerns of all parts of Scottish society is vital. However, if we allowed ourselves to be ruled by the status quo, by tradition, by the views of religion that we’d still think slavery was a good thing. There are times in a nation's history when the next step in promoting human rights has to be taken. We have to do what is right, trying to carry everyone with us by clear, courageous and compelling logical debate, but being ready to leave people behind if they are not ready to move forward with us.

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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