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

In support

This is something that is slowly but surely making its significance and relevance made known around the world. It is about time that Scotland take the right step forward and not remain in the ignorant dark ages.

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

In support

Two consenting adults who love each other and are willing to make the commitment to be with each other for as long as they live should be able to get married to one another. The fact that both people may be of the same sex is completely irrelevant, as love is not dictated by genitalia, but by the heart. Scotland should be able to proudly be able to acknowledge that love between same-sex couples and mixed-sex couples are equal.

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

In support

Philosophical belief celebrants should be able to apply to be able to conduct marriages, like humanist celebrants.

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

Yes, there should be the option to remain as those who only marry mixed-sex couples, or to marry both mixed-sex couples and same-sex couples.

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

In support

SHOULD THEY WANT TO, I believe a couple should have the right to be able to change their civil partnership to a marriage. This should not be a complex procedure.
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 have no strong feelings for this, however the added flexibility is welcome.

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

In support

The added option would be welcome.

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 am absolutely in support of this. I also believe that there needs to be an amendment in the law that allows transgendered persons to apply for the Gender Recognition Certificate without the consent of their spouse, but rather for when re-registering for an update to the marriage/civil partnership.

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

There is a strong enough protection for religious organisations to not perform same-sex marriages. However civil registrars should not be able to opt out of performing civil partnerships for personal beliefs, religious or otherwise, as they are performing a civil function on behalf of the state. There should be no legal right given to public service providers to be able to pick and choose who they serve.

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

There is no negative effect on freedom of speech by introducing this bill. People would still be allowed to express their opposition to same-sex marriage, publicly or otherwise.

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

I strongly believe that the bill should also include civil partnerships for mixed-sex couples. I believe both marriage and civil partnerships should be available to both mixed-sex couples and same-sex couples.

Are you responding as...

a private individual