How would you characterise your views on the Bill in general?
In support
My partner and I have spent most of our lives living with laws that discriminate against us as gay men so this Bill is not-before-time.

How would you characterise your views on the introduction of same sex marriage, so that same sex couples can marry each other?
In support
It is simply a matter of equality. The choices that heterosexual people enjoy should be available to LGBT folk as well.

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
People should have that choice. Civil Partnership registered outside Scotland should be recognised.

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

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

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

People's personal beliefs and values change more slowly than do laws. BUT civil registrars and teachers are appointed to provide a public service and so should not able to deny lgbt folk marriage or avoid inclusion of same gender relationships in relationships education.

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

Everyone has a right to his or her opinion. However, speech and behaviour that seeks to threaten LGBT folk should not be tolerated.

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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