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

I understand why religious societies have denied gay couples the right to marry. I understand why historic, undeveloped societies have denied gay couples the right to marry. However, we live in a developed democracy with a secular state and a culture of tolerance for different religions and traditional cultures. For us to truly believe that we are a fair, equal and enlightened democracy in those terms, we must make it legal for two consenting adults to marry. Their gender is irrelevant.

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

We must face the reality that the traditional religions are not as prevalent in Scotland as they once were. Modern belief systems and philosophies now inform the choices of people of all ages where religion may have previously. With that in mind, the marriage, and marriage remains the legal and cultural bond we value most highly in a relationship between two people, must be something that a celebrant of any belief system can administer.

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 opposition
Gay and straight couple should have the right to a civil partnership or a marriage.

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?

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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