MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP (SCOTLAND) BILL

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

In support

I support the bill for it is my belief that irrespective of gender those who are in love should have the right to marry under Scottish law and be given the same rights as their fellow scots.

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 wholeheartedly believe that this is a fundamental human right and it makes me incredibly sad that I even have to write this passage to declare my support for I am yet to see one reason which is not religious which would give substantial reason behind not passing this bill.

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

Neither

For me religion and law should never be together for this is how we end up in these sorts of dilemmas, I completely appreciate those who have beliefs one of my best friends is an evangelical pastor but that belief should not be infringed onto mass society.

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 it should be up to each religious body to decide whether they wish to conduct the ceremony though I think to save any heartache for prospective married couples that if the opt in procedure was to be implemented there should be a clear list made available of who this is. Getting married is stressful enough without the extra confusion of if a specific religious body allows it so this must be made clear.

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

In support

I don't know if whoever is reading this has ever been to a civil partnership but the moment the registrar says I now pronounce you civil partners always make me wince.
and realise how far back we actually sit on the issue considering countries less liberal in other areas (south Africa for one) has same sex marriage. A civil partnership was a nice idea in terms of bridging the gap of social development but enough is enough loving someone because of their gender should not mean you have to be limited to a lesser state

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?

Neither

My answer on this is very dependent on the religious part. If you are proposing that the bill would mean a couple couldn't get married in a religious premise even if the church and the couple agreed then I am against this in terms of allowing same sex couples to marry anywhere in general I think that is only right considering at the moment, in Glasgow at least, most of the marriages take place in park circus and there is very little room to personalise. Your wedding day is supposed to be the best day of your life and I know for me I have horses and would want a cart etc and I certainly wouldn't want to marry in Glasgow city centre just a few minutes from where I live but currently if I had to get married I'd have very little choice

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

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?

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...

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