

Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill: Introductory Questions

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Thank you for responding to the Local Government and Regeneration Committee's Call for Evidence on the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill. All submissions will be examined and considered as part of the Committee's scrutiny of the Bill.

Please be aware that questions marked with an asterisk (*) require an answer before you can submit the form.

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*** 2. Please confirm that you have read and understood the Scottish Parliaments [“Policy on the treatment of written evidence by subject and mandatory committees”](#):**

Yes

*** 3 Please confirm whether you are content for your name to be published with your submission:**

Yes

No

*** 4. Which of the three categories below best describes your interest in the Bill (please tick only one)?**

Personal

Professional

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*** 5. Do you wish your email to be added to the Committee’s distribution list for updates on progress of the Bill:**

Yes

No

*** 6. Invitations to give oral evidence to the Committee on the Bill will be based on the submissions received. If you wish your submission to be included amongst those considered for possible invitation to give oral evidence, please indicate here.**

Yes

No

*** 7. You may answer questions on the entire Bill, or on any part of the Bill. Please indicate which parts of the Bill you are responding to? (You may select as many options that apply).**

All of the Bill

Equalities, climate change and other Scottish Government objectives

Air Weapons

General licensing issues

Alcohol licensing

Civic licensing – taxi/private hire car licensing

Civic licensing – scrap metal dealers

Civic licensing – theatre licensing

Civic licensing – sexual entertainment venues

Name/Organisation:

6. Civic Licensing – Sexual Entertainment Venues

You may respond to all questions or only those you have a specific interest in. (Text boxes have no word limit, they will increase in size accordingly).

50. What are the consequences of operating the new licensing regime using the definitions set out at section 68 of the Bill?

- 'sexual entertainment venue'
- 'audience'
- 'financial gain'
- 'organiser'
- 'premises'
- 'sexual entertainment', and
- 'display of nudity'

So many of the terms have negative connotations and are assumptive.

51. The Bill specifies that a venue hosting sexual entertainment on three occasions or less within a 12 month period would not be treated as a sexual entertainment venue: does this have any unintended consequences?

How can it possibly be monitored? I feel this would be abused.

52. Local licensing authorities will be able to set the number of sexual entertainment venues in their area to below the existing level, or zero: are there any advantages or disadvantages to this approach?

53. The Bill relies mainly on the existing licensing regime for sex shops as set out in

section 44 and Schedule 2 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (application, notification, objections and representations, revocation of licences etc., enforcement and appeals): is this mechanism adequate for the licensing of sexual entertainment venues - if not, please explain why?

54. Are there any barriers to licensing authorities operating the new licensing regime?

Loss of jobs, loss of revenue, therefore, loss of tax paid and empty units within the city.

55. Civic Licensing

Do you have any other comments to make on the civic licensing aspects of the Bill?

Firstly I must make clear that I do not have issue with anyone who works in the sex industry. I do, however, have issue with the Scottish parliament making assumptions that because I choose to work in a lap dancing club I am a sex worker and now work in the sex industry. I am a single parent and I freely choose to work in a lap dancing club, no one made me do it. It is strange that in 2014 we remember the Great war that was fought to give us freedom and choice and even more freedom and choice for women you are now taking that away. It also find it appalling that you will vote on a subject you know nothing about and have not actually spoke to the people who work in the industry. I am sure that if the Scottish parliament were to decide to shut down the car sales industry they would consult with staff in the factories etc and people from the industry. I think the SNP should be ashamed of themselves for branding us sex slaves and low life's who do not deserve a say. It is obviously assumed our jobs are unimportant and that we do not have the right to have a job in the industry we choose to work in.