1. The Bill says that the Scottish Government should publish a national islands plan and then the Scottish Parliament should look at the plan. Do you agree with this?

   Yes

   What are your views on having a national islands plan?

   In a local authority area that is dominated by independent Councillors it will provide guidance on policy that an individual may not have thought of.

2. The Bill will require Scottish Ministers and certain Scottish public authorities to prepare islands impact assessments. Do you agree with this provision?

   Yes

   What are your views on this provision?

   Not evident for Police Scotland or Ambulance /Fire service that this was considered - from the early errors in trying to send services to islands that may be close as the crow flies but not necessarily with a ferry link.

3. The Bill suggests that the Scottish Parliamentary constituency boundary of Na h-Eileanan an Iar (the Western Isles) should be protected from any future changes. Do you agree with this?

   Yes

   Comments:
   Only right that we should be considered worthy of having our own parliamentary representative - a distinctive place needs its own representation.

4. Each local government electoral ward usually elects 3 or 4 members. The Bill suggests that island areas may need fewer members (1 or 2). Do you agree?

   No

   What are your views on this proposal?

   Its hard enough with the numbers we have in Uist to get anything done for us specifically - our island can always be outvoted by Lewis and Harris - consequently the island proofing needs to apply to the local government centre.
as well as to the national government - equitable resourcing has to happen within islands as well as to islands

5. The Bill will says that Scottish Ministers should be able to create a marine licensing scheme for coastal waters. Do you agree?

Yes

Do you have any comments on how it should be used?

National planning and guidance will ensure parity and equity

6. Are you in favour of the Bill overall?

Yes

7. Do you have any comments on the bill in relation to human rights or equalities?

No