

THE REGISTRATION OF CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS SAME SEX MARRIAGE



Annex E: RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please Note this form **must** be returned with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately

1. Name/Organisation

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3. Permissions - I am responding as...

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Please tick as appropriate

(a) Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

(b) Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis

Please tick ONE of the following boxes

Yes, make my response, name and address all available

Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address

Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

(c) The name and address of your organisation **will be** made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site).

Are you content for your **response** to be made available?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

(d) We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Please tick as appropriate

Yes

No

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

The registration of civil partnerships

Question 1 (Paragraphs 2.12 and 2.13)

Do you agree that legislation should be changed so that civil partnerships could be registered through religious ceremonies?

Yes

No

Don't know

Please give reasons for your answer.

Comments

I believe that marriage should be opened up to same-sex couples on exactly the same basis as opposite sex couples now enjoy. I don't believe that there would be any future need for Civil Partnerships if this happened.

Civil Partnership is an institution inherently predicated on prejudice against gay people. Such prejudice should not be enshrined in legislation.

Question 2 (Paragraphs 2.14 to 2.19)

Do you think that the proposals in England and Wales on registration of civil partnerships in religious premises would be appropriate for Scotland?

Yes

No

Don't know

If you have answered no, please explain what elements of the proposals in England and Wales you consider inappropriate for Scotland.

Comments

I don't think that the registration of Civil Partnerships on religious premises should take place but that marriage should be made available to same-sex couples on the same basis as it exists for opposite sex couples.

I don't find it an attractive idea having registrars coming into churches to conduct what is still essentially a civil ceremony at which religious content would be excluded.

Question 3 (Paragraphs 2.20 to 2.24)

Do you agree with allowing religious celebrants to register civil partnerships in religious premises?

Yes

No

Don't know

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

I don't think that the registration of Civil Partnerships on religious premises should take place but that marriage should be made available to same-sex couples on the same basis as it exists for opposite sex couples.

As someone who leads a prominent church which is widely known to have an affirming ethos towards gay people I don't think I've ever been approached for a ceremony by any couple who would not have preferred marriage to a civil partnership.

Question 4 (Paragraphs 2.20 to 2.24)

Do you agree with allowing religious celebrants to register civil partnerships in other places agreed between the celebrant and the couple?

Yes

No

Don't know

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

As before, I see no future for Civil Partnerships but look for equal access to marriage for same-sex couples.

Question 5 (Paragraph 2.25)

Do you agree that religious bodies should not be required to register civil partnerships?

Yes

No

Don't know

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

As stated previously I don't think that there is much of a call for civil partnerships to be celebrated on religious premises so long as marriage is opened to same-sex couples.

Question 6 (Paragraphs 2.26 and 2.27)

Do you consider that religious celebrants should not be allowed to register civil partnerships if their religious body has decided against registering civil partnerships?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

As stated previously I don't think that there is much of a call for civil partnerships to be celebrated on religious premises so long as marriage is opened to same-sex couples.

If civil partnerships are retained and religious people allowed to register them, the state should not collude with religious bodies in preventing a couple from choosing any religious person they like.

Question 7 (Paragraphs 2.28 to 2.30)

Do you agree that individual religious celebrants should not be required to register civil partnerships?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please give reasons for your answer

Comments

Question 8 (Paragraphs 2.31 to 2.35)

Which of the options do you favour to ensure that religious bodies and celebrants do not have to register civil partnerships against their will?

Do you favour:

- Option 1
- Option 2
- Neither

If you have another option, please describe it.

Comments

We do not need a parallel system of civil partnership registration alongside marriage.

Question 9 (Paragraphs 2.36 to 2.40)

Religious bodies may not wish their premises to be used to register civil partnerships. Do you agree that no legislative provision is required to ensure religious premises cannot be used against the wishes of the relevant religious body?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please give reasons for your answer