

# Questions

## About you

(Note: Information entered in this “About You” section may be published with your response (unless it is “not for publication”), except where indicated in **bold**.)

1. Are you responding as:

- an individual – in which case go to Q2A
- on behalf of an organisation? – in which case go to Q2B

2A. Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose “Member of the public”.)

- Politician (MSP/MP/Peer/MEP/Councillor)
- Professional with experience in a relevant subject
- Academic with expertise in a relevant subject
- Member of the public

Optional: You may wish to explain briefly what expertise or experience you have that is relevant to the subject-matter of the consultation:

2B. Please select the category which best describes your organisation:

- Public sector body (Scottish/UK Government or agency, local authority, NDPB)
- Commercial organisation (company, business)
- Representative organisation (trade union, professional association)
- Third sector (charitable, campaigning, social enterprise, voluntary, non-profit)
- Other (e.g., clubs, local groups, groups of individuals, etc.)

Optional: You may wish to explain briefly what the organisation does, its experience and expertise in the subject-matter of the consultation, and how the view expressed in the response was arrived at (e.g., whether it is the view of particular officeholders or has been approved by the membership as a whole).

3. Please choose one of the following:

- I am content for this response to be published and attributed to me or my organisation
- I would like this response to be published anonymously
- I would like this response to be considered, but not published (“not for publication”)

If you have requested anonymity or asked for your response not to be published, please give a reason. **(Note: your reason will not be published.)**

4. Please provide your name or the name of your organisation. **(Note: The name will not be published if you have asked for the response to be anonymous or “not for publication”.)**

Please provide a way in which we can contact you if there are queries regarding your response. Email is preferred but you can also provide a postal address or phone number. **(Note: We will not publish these contact details.)**

### Data protection declaration

- I confirm that I have read and understood the [Privacy Notice](#) to this consultation which explains how my personal data will be used.

If you are under 12 and making a submission, we will need to contact you to ask your parent or guardian to confirm to us that they are happy for you to send us your views.

- Please ONLY place an x in the brackets if you are UNDER 12 years of age.

# YOUR VIEWS ON THE PROPOSAL

**1. What is your view of introducing a new criminal offence of paying for sexual services? (This is the only mandatory question)**

- Fully supportive
- Partially supportive
- Neutral (neither support nor oppose)
- Partially opposed
- Fully opposed
- Don't want to express a view

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

I do not believe anyone has the right to pay for access to another person for sex.

**2. What is your view of repealing section 46 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982: the offence of soliciting for the purposes of prostitution in a public place?**

- Fully supportive
- Partially supportive
- Neutral (neither support nor oppose)
- Partially opposed
- Fully opposed
- Unsure

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

Section 46 of the Civic Government Act 1982 places the criminality on the vulnerable person who is being used for sex.

**3. What is your view of repealing previous convictions under section 46 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982: the offence of soliciting for the purposes of prostitution in a public place?**

- Fully supportive
- Partially supportive
- Neutral (neither support nor oppose)
- Partially opposed
- Fully opposed
- Unsure

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

The vast majority of convictions the people were exploited and criminal records have prevented people from getting work and have added to the pressures keeping them in prostitution adding another layer to their exploitation.

**4. What is your view of giving people in prostitution the legal right to support?**

- Fully supportive
- Partially supportive
- Neutral (neither support nor oppose)
- Partially opposed
- Fully opposed
- Unsure

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

People in prostitution are inherently in a vulnerable group, suffering often from drink/drug abuse and mental health problems. They do not have access to services and those who exploit them will do their best to ensure they are not informed of their rights.

**5. What is your view of including provisions for exiting services in the bill?**

- Fully supportive
- Partially supportive
- Neutral (neither support nor oppose)
- Partially opposed
- Fully opposed
- Unsure

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

Criminalisation of the Buyer is the correct way to help get people out of prostitution but without proper support it will fail in its objectives, so including this element is essential to its success.

**6. How should the proposed offence be enforced. Are there any particular techniques which you think should be used or obstacles which might need to be overcome?**

This bill needs supported with a huge public marketing campaign.  
The sex industry is huge and lucrative.  
Prostitution thrives in an environment when society says it is permissible and acceptable to buy a woman's body, there needs to be a strong statement to refute this and state why.

7. **Do you believe that there are any new policing powers that would be necessary or beneficial for enforcing this offence?**

8. **Please indicate which of the following forms of support and/or services you think should be provided for people in prostitution and exiting prostitution (place an x into the brackets of as many options as you agree with):**

- Exiting support workers
- Drop in services
- Outreach visits to brothels, saunas and other similar premises
- Specialist medical consultations
- Access to drug and alcohol services
- Access to counselling and psychological treatment services
- Specialist housing schemes for women in crisis
- Support to access education, training or work
- Financial advice, debt support etc
- Other (please give details)

**Please explain the reasons for your response and provide examples of best practice.**

I am sure the government are aware of best practice from other countries that have implemented similar laws. There needs to be multi-agency support to be successful.

9. **Please indicate which of the following ways of raising awareness of the new offence you believe to be most effective (choose as many as you agree with):**

- Internet and social media advertising
- TV advertising
- Print media advertising
- Billboards in public places and transport
- Leaflets to households
- Materials to support and exiting services for people involved in prostitution

- Materials targeted at areas where prostitution is known to occur
- Materials to health and mental health services
- Materials to further education sector
- Inclusion in secondary education (Relationship, Sexual Health, Parenting classes)
- Other (please give details)

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

Raising awareness is key to change and shape social attitudes and challenge what has been allowed to become social norms of the general acceptance of prostitution and for those in prostitution to be marginalised and considered less than human. All channels are important.

**10. Do you think legislation is required, or are there are other ways in which the Bill's aims could be achieved more effectively?**

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

Legislation is the only way things can change. Sex is big business and the commodification of bodies and buying access to bodies is permitted and accepted as normal. Change will not happen without legislation.

## Resource implications

**11. Taking into account all those likely to be affected (including public sector bodies, businesses and individuals etc), is the proposed Bill likely to lead to:**

- a significant increase in costs
- some increase in costs
- no overall change in costs
- some reduction in costs
- a significant reduction in costs
- do not wish to express a view

**Please indicate where you would expect the impact identified to fall (including public sector bodies, businesses and individuals etc). You may also wish to suggest ways in which the aims of the Bill could be delivered more cost-effectively.**

## Equalities

**12: Any new law can have an impact on different individuals and groups in society, for example as a result of their age, disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership status, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation. What impact could this proposal have on particular people if it became law?**

**Please explain the reasons for your answer and if there are any ways you think the proposal could avoid negative impacts on particular people.**

This law will have a positive impact on all vulnerable adults. Removing criminality of those being prostituted will help them to get out and remain out of prostitution.

## **Sustainability**

**13. Any new law can impact on work to protect and enhance the environment, achieve a sustainable economy, and create a strong, healthy, and just society for future generations. Do you think the proposal could impact in any of these areas?**

It will have a huge positive impact on the lives of women and girls buy proudly stating men do not have the right to buy access to your bodies.