

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(Note: Information entered in this “About You” section may be published with your response (unless it is “not for publication”), except where indicated in **bold**.)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

I had many friends involved in prostitution and saw the damage and endangerment they underwent. Most of them are now dead, having never exited the sex trade.

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- I would like this response to be considered, but not published (“not for publication”)

If you have requested anonymity or asked for your response not to be published, please give a reason. **(Note: your reason will not be published.)**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 **(Note: The name will not be published if you have asked for the response to be anonymous or “not for publication”.)**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.**

It's about time men who buy (mostly) women to abuse, are held to account for the abuse they inflict upon the 'commodity' they bought. Women are not for sale.

**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.**

Many involved in prostitution are desperate, dealing with substance abuse, mental-health difficulties, childhood neglect/abuse and impoverishment. To punish them further for the societally-coerced self-harming 'choices' they make wrt section 46, is wrong.

**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.**

see q3 reply.

**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.**

Every effort should be made to help people exit prostitution, including legal support to enable this.

**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.**

A comprehensive framework is necessary to help those wishing to exit prostitution. Practical, emotional, financial and health support systems are necessary.

**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?**

Publicly naming and shaming men who buy people to sexually abuse. IIRC??? this has been done elsewhere, to good effect. Also, large monetary fines, most of which could be given to SMALL grassroots orgs working in relevant fields.

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

The right to publicise the name & pictures of those involved in buying people in prostitution. A specific uk wide site where people can check if men they are dating, are guilty of paying to enact their sexually abusive fantasies upon those trapped in prostitution

**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.**

**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.**

- 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 a necessity. Knowing their name and picture could be made public if they are caught buying a women (or man) for sexual abuse, would be, imo, a huge disincentive for many men. Shame is a useful threat to curb many actions.

## **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.**

Important that male prostitutes and the men who pay for sex are correctly defined as men, regardless of their self-id or GRC status. Also, any services specifically for women can deny entry to men, regardless of their stated self-id/grc status and proclamation of being women.  
women and children of the men who pay for sex, could be impacted. This should not deter from naming n shaming these men, however care & support for the families of these men, should also be included in the Bill.

## **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?**