

Proposed Organ and Tissue Donation (Scotland) Bill

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Q1: The overarching purpose of my proposal is to move from the current opt-in system to a soft opt-out system of organ donation. Do you support this move? Please indicate "yes/no/undecided" and explain the reasons for your response.

No,

Please give your reasons for your response:
You do not have the (human) right to take a human body without consent. Making this macabre decision, despite the emotional "justifications" being made, is immoral. If this legislation is passed, it will not make it right! There are many laws that are "legal" but not right (e.g. euthanasia, slavery, abortion, same sex marriage to name but a few!).

Q2: How essential is it to change the law (from an opt-in to a soft opt-out system) in order to achieve the intended benefits (increased transplant rates, reduced waiting lists)? Are there other (non-legislative) measures that could achieve similar outcomes without the need for legislation?

It is fundamentally wrong to change the law which upholds to the sanctity of a human being. By passing a law to take ownership of a human being, maintaining its existence in a mechanical sense, until such time that the body can be cut open and harvested without consent, is barbaric.

Q3: I believe the role of the family should be limited to being consulted on whether they are aware of any (unregistered) objection by the deceased rather than asking for their consent. Do you agree? Please indicate "yes/no/undecided" and explain the reasons for your response.

No,

Please give reasons for your response:
The role of the family upholds the dignity of the corpse until burial or cremation. The family alone should be consulted and their decision, which should be unanimous, is sacrosanct.

Q4: Do you think an individual should be able to appoint a proxy to make the final decision regarding transplantation on their behalf? Please indicate "yes/no/undecided" and explain the reasons for your response.

No,

Please give reasons for your response:
The individual will have made a decision one way or another and so the question is irrelevant. The State has no right to assume his/her decision.

Q5: My proposal is that only adults should be automatically opted-in to be a donor. Younger persons would have to register to be a donor, by themselves or with parental consent as they currently do. This approach is I believe the best way to safeguard children and young people. Do you agree? Please indicate "yes/no/undecided" and explain the reasons for your response.

No,

Please give reasons for your response:
I am against the whole concept of "positive" assumption that the individual wants his/her body to become the property of the State.

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Q6: Do you agree the age limit for an adult should be set at 16 years old? Please indicate "yes/no/undecided" and explain the reasons for your response.

No,

If you answered no, what would you consider a more appropriate age?
In the context of the proposition being to take ownership of a human body, the question is irrelevant.

Q7: Do you agree the soft opt-out system should apply to people who have been resident in Scotland for a minimum period of 1 year prior to their death? Please indicate "yes/no/undecided" and explain the reasons for your response.

No,

Please give reasons for your response:
If this proposition becomes legal it could lead to advertisements encouraging people to move to Scotland - Come to Scotland, fall in love with the place and lose your heart, lungs, kidneys or any other part of your human body!

Q8: If you answered no to the above how long, if any, should this period of residency last before they become subject to the soft opt-out system? Would this residency need to be for a continuous period?

150 years (continuous)

Q9: Do you think 6 months is a long enough period to run a campaign prior to change over?

No doubt Parliament will progress with indecent haste irrespective of objection.

Q10: What is your assessment of the likely financial implications (if any) of the proposed Bill to you or your organisation? What (if any) other significant financial implications are likely to arise?

Increase transplantation costs offset by savings made in keeping people alive - macabre!

Q11: Is the proposed Bill likely to have any substantial positive or negative implications for equality? If it is likely to have a substantial negative implication, how might this be minimised or avoided?

There is no equality in this proposal!

Q12: Do you have any other comments on or suggestions relevant to the proposal?

This proposal is immoral. Making this proposal "legal" will NOT make it right! I am afraid that people so often, given a position of authority, come up with one-sided solutions to problems and ignore the obvious!

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Q13: If you wish your response, or any part of it, to be treated as anonymous or confidential, please check the appropriate box and state the reason for this. If not, then please go to question 14. If I accept the reasons, I will publish it as "anonymous response" or only publish the non-confidential parts of the response. If I do not accept the reasons, I will let you know and give you the option of withdrawing it or submitting it on the normal attributable basis.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q14: Thank you for completing this survey. For the purposes of the consultation, it would be helpful if you could provide your contact details.

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