

# 75895936 - Abdul Majid

## Proposed Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-Restricted Sales etc.) (Scotland) Bill

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

an individual

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".)

Professional with experience in a relevant subject

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

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Please choose one of the following:

I am content for this response to be attributed to me or my organisation

Please insert your name or the name of your organisation. If you choose the first option above, this should be the name as you wish it to be published. If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

Abdul Majid

Q1. Which of the following expresses your view of creating a new offence of assault against a worker in the retail sector?

Fully supportive

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Shop workers are now seen as easy targets and sadly attacks against them are on the rise. For me There are two

separate issues. Verbal abuse and assaults due to Shop workers enforcing laws on cigs, alcohol and other regulated products.

Two, smaller shops where there may be only one or two people working are vulnerable to being help up. Drug addicts and other robbers see these small shop easy targets and the chances of being caught slim

Q2. Which of the following would you support as a way to respond to assaults on workers upholding statutory age-restrictions?

Either

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Anything is better than what we have now preference is a new statutory offence

Q3. Which of the following would you support as a way to respond to abuse, harassment, threatening or obstruction of workers upholding statutory age-restrictions?

A new statutory offence (for all these types of behaviour)

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

As per previous comment

Q4. Do you think that there are other steps which could be taken (either instead of, or in addition to, legislation) to achieve the aims of the proposal?

No

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

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Q5. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have on:

**Q5.1. (a) Government and the public sector** - Broadly cost neutral

**Q5.2. (b) Businesses** - Significant reduction in cost

**Q5.3. (c) Individuals** - Significant reduction in cost

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

The savings to individuals and retailers will be enormous both in financial savings to security and loss and also due days lost through trauma , sickness and injury

Priceless in terms of staff well being

Q6. Are there ways in which the Bill could achieve its aim more cost-effectively (e.g. by reducing costs or increasing savings)?

Unsure

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

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Q7. What overall impact is the proposed Bill likely to have on equality, taking account of the following protected groups (under the Equality Act 2010): race, disability, sex, gender re-assignment, age, religion and belief, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity?

Positive

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

A higher ratio of women work in the retail sector and this bill will give the safety and security

Q8. In what ways could any negative impact of the proposed Bill on equality be minimised or avoided?

Sorry don't see any negatives

Q9. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably i.e. without having likely future disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impacts?

Unsure

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

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Q10. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal, for example, other trigger points for violence and abuse, and other workers who should be covered?

*Unsure*

Q11. Which of the following describes your retail-sector experience (please tick all that apply)?

Working in premises selling alcohol for consumption on the premises (e.g. pub)	No
Working in premises selling alcohol for consumption off the premises (e.g. shop)	Yes
Working in premises selling other age-restricted products (e.g. tobacco, knives etc.)	Yes
Working in other retail premises	Yes
None of the above	No

Q12. Which of the following describes your experience of violence or verbal abuse in the retail sector (please tick all that apply)?

I have been the victim of physical violence	Yes
I have been the victim of verbal abuse	Yes
I have witnessed colleagues being subjected to physical violence	Yes
I have witnessed colleagues being subjected to verbal abuse	Yes
None of the above	No

Q13. Please give details of any personal experience that you would wish to share. (Please avoid naming any other person or giving information that would allow another person to be identified)

Shop has had in the last ten years -

Two armed robberies -

Three assaults -

Average of one verbal abuse a week





