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## 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".)

Member of the public

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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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**

Everyone has the right to have a safe place of work, wherever and whatever the nature of the workplace.

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**

while i would like the offender to made responsible for their actions, there should be a case by case examination of what occurred.

Lifes, future employment prospects etc could be blighted by what might be a completely one off event.

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?

Either

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

please see previous answer.

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?

Unsure

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

i dont know enough about the sector or how the employers protect the safety of their workforce to make an informed comment,on its merits or demerits

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** - Some increase in cost

**Q5.2. (b) Businesses** - Some increase in cost

**Q5.3. (c) Individuals** - Some increase in cost

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

a. more people going through the legal system.

- b. adding additional security apparatus
- c. cost would ultimately be borne by the customer

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.**

education and awareness campaigns could help, again i am unsure as they are not universally effective

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?

Slightly positive

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

all of the above mentioned work in this sector. If they felt more secure in their workplace that would transfer to their private lives.

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

i dont have enough information to make a comment.

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?

Yes

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

there are very intelligent people out there. I can only hope that some of them work in government and associated bodies.

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?

*not at this point.*

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)	No
Working in premises selling other age-restricted products (e.g. tobacco, knives etc.)	No
Working in other retail premises	No
None of the above	Yes

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

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)

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