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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

as someone who works in retail i have been threatened, verbally abused and assaulted. My work got rid of our security guard to save money and we are left to deal with these situations on our own. It is disgraceful.

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

A new statutory offence

Please explain the reasons for your response

people do not fear attacking someone. We need harsher punishment.

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

Because it needs to be an offence for all of these situations.

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?

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response.

make employers responsible for their staffs safety. If there is more than a certain amount if incidents they should provide security.

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 - Some increase in cost

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

Please explain the reasons for your responses.

It should be down to the employer to provide a safe work place.

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.

any further protection can only benefit staff

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

none

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.

i don't see how it would affect any of these things.

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?

teachers should have greater safeguards as should children who bully. Their parents should be held responsible.

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

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| 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 | 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)?

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| 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)

I have been spat at, verbally abused, grabbed, threatened due to refusing an animal sale.

