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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".)
Politician (MSP/MP/peer/MEP/Councillor)

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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
I have worked in retail and suffered physical abuse
I have also driven taxis and been subjected to verbal abuse

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
I believe as much options as possible should be available

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
Believe this is strongest option

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.
In house training. Campaign's

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 - Broadly cost neutral
Please explain the reasons for your responses.
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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.

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.

It will 're assure individuals

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

Don't think there would be 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?

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your responses.

The bill is positive and will be accepted

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?

Verbal abuse at call centres taxis offices should be looked at more closely

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

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

apply)?

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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