Claire Baker MSP – Culpable Homicide Proposals

Consultation Arrangements

Any information you send in response to this consultation (including personal data) will be seen by the MSP progressing the Bill, their office and by staff at Thompsons Solicitors, who are helping with the progression of this consultation and bill. To help inform debate on the matters covered by this consultation and in the interests of openness, please be aware that I would normally expect to publish all responses received (other than confidential responses) on my website www.clairebaker.org.

Published, responses (other than anonymous responses) will include the name of the respondent, but other personal data sent with the response (including signatures, addresses and contact details) will not be published. Where responses include content considered to be offensive, defamatory or irrelevant, my office may contact you to agree changes to the content, or may edit the content itself and publish a redacted version.

I expect to prepare a summary of responses that I may then lodge with a final proposal (the next stage in the process of securing the right to introduce a Member’s Bill). The summary may cite, or quote from, your response (unless it is confidential) and may name you as a respondent to the consultation (unless your response is anonymous).

If I lodge a final proposal, I will be obliged to provide copies of responses (other than confidential responses) to the Scottish Parliament’s Information Centre (SPICe). SPICe may make responses available to MSPs or staff on request. Requests for anonymity or confidentiality if you wish your response, or any part of it, to be treated as anonymous, please state this clearly. You still need to supply your name, but if the response is treated as anonymous, only an anonymised version will be published or provided to SPICe.

If you request anonymity, it is your responsibility to ensure that the content of your response does not allow you to be identified. If you wish your response, or any part of it, to be treated as confidential, please state this clearly. If the response is treated as confidential (in whole or in part), it (or the relevant part) will not be published or provided to SPICe. I may reflect the general content of a confidential response in the summary, but only if you are content that the way I propose to do so is consistent with the confidentiality involved. Other exceptions to publication

Where a large number of submissions is received, particularly if they are in very similar terms, it may not be practical or appropriate to publish them all individually. One option may be to publish the text only once, together with a list of the names of those making that response. There may also be legal reasons for not publishing some or all of a response – for example, if it contains irrelevant, offensive or defamatory content. If I think your response contains such content, it may be returned to you with an invitation to provide a justification for the content or to edit or remove it. Alternatively, I may publish it with the content edited or removed, or I may disregard the response and destroy it.
Data Protection

As an MSP, I must comply with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and other data protection legislation which places certain obligations on me when I process personal data. As stated above, I will normally publish your response in full, together with your name, unless you request and I agree anonymity or confidentiality. I will not publish your signature or personal contact information.