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- Yes
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Question 1 - Please provide any comments on the proposal to designate Scottish Ministers as the 'licensing authority'.

None

Question 2 - Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to publish and maintain a public directory of the licensed funeral directors in Scotland?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Question 3 - Please provide any additional comments

None

Question 4 - Please provide any comments you have about the proposal to require funeral director businesses to identify a compliance officer for their licence.

Agreed – improved governance of statutory / non-statutory functions and performance measurement against regulated standards

Question 5 - Do you agree or disagree that funeral director licences should be time-limited, with funeral directors required to apply for renewal?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Question 6 - If licences are time-limited, do you think three (3) years is an appropriate length of time for a licence to last?

- 3 years is too long
- 3 years is appropriate
- 3 years is too short
- Don't know

Question 7 - Please provide any further comments about the appropriate length of time for a licence to last

None

Question 8 - Please provide any comments you have on the proposed approach to licence suspensions or revocations, as provided for in the 2016 Act.

None

Question 9 - In addition to the circumstance noted in paragraph 70, are there any other circumstances in which the licensing authority may decide to suspend or revoke a funeral director business licence?

Gross Misconduct- in terms of the Funeral Directors Code of Practice by owner or employees

Karen for info

70. We consider that there is one circumstance in which the Scottish Government considers it appropriate to provide powers to the licensing authority in order that the licensing authority may decide whether to suspend or revoke a licence: The licensing authority has been made aware that the licence holder (owner) of a funeral director business has been convicted of certain types of offences, for example a violent crime or fraud.

Question 10 - Please provide any comments on the possible types of convictions which might warrant the licensing authority deciding to suspend or revoke a funeral director business licence.

Similar to existing Licensing regimes – “fit & proper person” – requires declaration of all offences

Question 11 - When a person has their licence revoked, how long should they be required to wait before being allowed to apply for a new licence?

- 1 Year
- 2 Years
- 5 Years
- 10 Years
- Other

Question 12 - Please provide any further comments.

Revocation of Licence is a significant step. The reasons for revocation could affect the period before a licence can be sought.

Question 13 - Please provide any comments about the Scottish Government's proposals to charging a fee at the time of a licence application and licence renewal to funeral director businesses.

Agreed full cost recovery for administrative processes.

Question 14 - Please provide any additional views or comments you may have on the proposed licensing regime.

None

Question 15 - Do you have any views on the potential impacts of the proposals in this consultation on equalities and the protected characteristics set out above? (please refer to page 25 of the consultation document)

None

Question 16 - Do you have any views on the potential impacts of the proposals in this consultation on children and young people as set out in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child?

None

Question 17 - Do you have any views on the potential impacts of the proposals in this consultation on socio-economic inequality?

None
Licensing regime will guarantee a level of service.

Question 18 - Do you have any views on potential impacts of the proposals in this consultation on communities on the Scottish islands?

Licensing regime will hopefully improve basic standards, so even if choice is limited, regulation will ensure same standards of service required

Question 19 - Do you have any views on the potential impacts of the proposals in this consultation on privacy and data protection?

None

Question 20 - Do you have any views on the potential impacts of the proposals in this consultation on businesses and the third sector?

None

Question 21 - Do you have any views on the potential impacts of the proposals in this consultation on the environment?

None