

ANNEX B

CONSULTATION RESPONSE TEMPLATE FORM

Please remember to return your response along with the Respondent Information Form at **Annex A**

Question 1: Do you agree that the “not staying registration” (expedited) procedure should only apply in situations where there is a clear rationale for a funeral to proceed within a specific timescale?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

Additional Comments:

Any process which supports / allows a “not staying registration” (expedited) procedure is to be welcomed in circumstances where a delay may cause further distress (or hardship) to those who have been bereaved. However, it is vital that any such procedure is applied consistently across Scotland and within the context of agreed categories and supported by clear rationale and / or recognised circumstances.

There should also be a clear guidance / information available describing the categories and explaining the rationale behind them.

If it also felt appropriate that there should be a clear and quick appeals process available should an application for the expedited process be refused.

Question 2: Do you agree that the role of the registrar is to make informants aware, in response to a request, of the “not staying registration” (expedited) procedure?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

Additional Comments:

It would be helpful if publications such as “What to do following a death” and “When someone has died” indicated that in certain circumstances families can apply for an “expedited” procedure and that further information is available from the Registrar.

It is important that Registrars are able to give a full explanation of why applications for expedited procedure may be considered. Also clear and simple information about any appeal process if an application for an “expedited” procedure is refused.

Question 3: Do you agree that there would be value in having a form for informants to complete in circumstances where the “not staying registration” (expedited) procedure is requested?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

Additional Comments:

In the majority of cases those Registering a death are the “bereaved” and as such frequently upset and distressed. In such circumstances individuals may not be “thinking straight”, not “hear” what is being said – and may not always fully appreciate / understand the implications of particular processes / decisions.

Question 4: Do you agree that these proposed timescales will ensure the system will meet the needs of informants in those circumstances where there is a clear rationale for the funeral to proceed within a specific timescale?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

Additional Comments:

No additional Comments

Question 5: Do you agree that it would be useful to set down in Guidance, and on the proposed form, the sort of categories where it may be appropriate to request that registration is not stayed (expedited procedure)?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

Additional Comments:

This will help ensure consistency in applying the expedited procedure.

Question 6: Do you agree with these categories, and is there anything additional that should be added?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

Additional Comments:

No additional Comments

Question 7: Do you agree that these approaches are sensible? Is there anything else that should be considered in relation to guidance around the procedure not to stay registration (expedited procedure)?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

Additional Comments:

No additional Comments