

Scottish Government
Burials and Cemeteries Consultation

Having received information about this consultation I wish to express my views on the subject.

- 1 Records and forms relating to burial and cremation should be kept indefinitely.
- 2 I do agree that the sale of lairs in perpetuity should now be ended.
- 3 I also agree that unused lairs should be considered for reuse but certainly **not** that full and partially-full lairs even with safeguards in place should be considered for reuse.
- 4 I do **not** believe that any number of years is sufficient time before reuse of a full lair.
- 5 I absolutely do not think headstones should ever be reused no matter how appropriate it might seem.
- 6 In view of my reference to unused lairs being considered for reuse I agree that 25 years would be sufficient time. I still think partially-full lairs should be left alone.
- 7 I very definitely agree that certain categories of grave should be totally exempt from any interference.

Finally I do **not** agree with the proposal to provide an alternative process where the purpose of the exhumation is to allow the reuse of a full lair, including that the Burial Authority need not seek specific authorization once it has carried out specified notifications that it intends to reuse a grave.

I am horrified at the effect such a proposal would have on bereaved families and would be most upset if the lair holder in my own family were to receive such a notice.

