

## **The Legislative Framework**

**1 Do you agree that existing legislation relating to burial and cremation should be repealed and replaced by a new legislative framework?**

Don't Know

**Please enter any additional comments here:**

There may be issues that could be upgraded but then again I would not and certainly do not agree with tampering with existing graves which in my own and my wife's opinion are sacrosanct.

**2 Are there any particular powers that are required by Burial Authorities or Cremation Authorities that are not provided for by current legislation?**

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Do not know ?

**3 Do you agree that the proposed Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill should apply to all cemeteries and crematoria in Scotland, regardless of whether they are publically or privately operated? If not, please set out reasons why not.**

Don't Know

**If not, please set out reasons why not.:**

There may be a case for this but again I would not and certainly do not agree with tampering with existing graves which in my own and my wife's opinion are sacrosanct.

**4 Do you agree that the Bill should contain provisions which apply to all facilities where any new method of disposal which might be introduced in Scotland are carried out?**

No

**Please enter any additional comments here.:**

Methods or disposal on death are the subject matter solely of the individual as to whether they want buried or cremated or such other processes that may become available - it would be wrong for the state to encourage any particular facility.

**5 Do you agree that the Bill should contain provisions to regulate environmentally friendly methods of disposal that are already available in Scotland?**

Yes

**Please enter any additional comments here.:**

Yes but there has to be some sort of code of practice introduced that would prevent individuals from choosing to be buried absolutely anywhere or everywhere.

**6 Should the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill contain provisions pertaining to home burial?**

No

**Please enter additional comments here:**

This could be very difficult to manage and encourage. Imagine one buying a property and finding that people are buried in the back garden. I do not think this is a sound proposition.

**7 In making legal provision for home burial, what factors should be considered?**

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Do not agree with it at all.

**8 Are there any reasons why private cremation should not remain illegal?**

No

**Please enter additional comments here:**

There needs to be a modicum of control and regulation involved here, otherwise you could have totally unauthorised acts like this taking place anywhere and for anyone and this would be full of problematic situations.

**9a Do you agree that alternative methods of disposing of the dead should be regulated for in this way?**

No

**9b Are there any particular alternative methods that should be considered?**

**Are there any particular alternative methods that should be considered?:**

I really do not know but as said before this is for an individual and /or family to decide on. It is not a matter for the state to dictate on how, why or should be done

**9c Are there any particular methods which should be prevented from being used in Scotland?**

**Are there any particular methods which should be prevented from being used in Scotland?:**

Surely again this is a matter for an individual or family to decide on.

**10 Do you agree with this definition of ashes? If not, how should ashes be defined?**

Yes

**If not, how should ashes be defined?:**

**11 Do you agree that a minimum distance of 200 yards (182.9 metres) should be required between crematoria and housing? If not, please explain why not.**

Yes

**If not, please explain why not.:**

Or even further, much would have to be taken into account re the comments and experiences from people currently living beside crematoria.

**12 What are your views on the use of enforcement powers or penalty powers in response to such a minimum distance being breached?**

**Please enter your comments here.:**

Planning should not allow this in the first place. In the second place if such were actioned privately and not under the control of the burial authority then this would have to be stopped by whatever means was available. That is why this procedure needs to be rigorously conditioned under regulation.

**The Right to Instruct the Disposal of Human Remains**

**13 Do you agree that the right to instruct the disposal of a body on death in the case of an adult should be vested in the nearest relative using the definition at Section 50 of the Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006? If not, why not?**

No

**If not, why not?:**

- a) primarily be vested in the deceased wishes.
- b) only after this, if not provided, it should be vested in the wishes of the remaining close family or
- c) if that was not possible then based upon the wishes of a closest or near relative
- d) if no family, then on the wishes of a nearest friend, neighbour, social worker or someone whom the deceased has perhaps reliably informed.

**In whom should this power be vested instead?:**

As above.

**14 In the case of the death of a person under the age of 16 years , do you agree that the right to instruct the disposal of the body should follow the proposal at paragraph 43? If not, why not? In whom should this power be vested instead? How should this be defined in legislation?**

Yes

**In whom should this power be vested instead?:**

**How should this be defined in legislation?:**

**15 Do you agree with the proposal for who should have the right to instruct the disposal of the body in the event of a stillbirth?**

Yes

**If not, why not?:**

**Who should have the right to instruct the disposal of the body in the event that the mother or father are unable to do so?:**

**How should this right be defined in legislation? :**

**16 Do you agree with the proposal of allowing someone not listed to instruct the disposal of human remains in the case of a stillborn baby, pregnancy loss and the death of a child only on cause shown?**

Don't Know

Not Answered

**Please enter any additional comments here.:**

**The Management of Cemeteries**

**17 Do you agree that Scottish Ministers should have the power to make regulations pertaining to the general management of cemeteries, including giving Burial Authorities the right to take action to address unsafe, damaged and abandoned lairs and memorials?**

No

**Please enter any additional comments here.:**

Perhaps yes on the management of cemeteries and the unsafe conditions pertaining therein. However abandoned lairs must not be interfered with other than to redress the ground level if the lair has sunk.

**18 Alternatively, would the introduction of non-statutory guidance provide a useful option between the current situation where no guidance exists and the introduction of regulations?**

Yes

**Please enter additional comments here.:**

**19 Are there any reasons why a minimum burial depth of 3 feet from the surface to the top of the coffin should not be implemented?**

No

**Should there be any exemptions?:**

**Please enter any additional comments here.:**

### **Burial and Cremation Records**

**20 Do you agree that records and forms relating to burial and cremation in Scotland should be stored and transferred electronically wherever possible?**

Yes

**Should any exclusions apply?:**

**Should this be applied to all forms of disposing of human remains in Scotland?:**

**21 Should records and forms relating to burial and cremation be kept for 50 years or is it better that they are kept indefinitely?**

Indefinitely

**If you specified 'other', please enter your comments below.:**

As a Family Tree researcher, in my opinion, it is imperative that records should be kept indefinitely. If these records are digitally recorded they are not going to utilize as much space as paper records but they are very important to keep.

### **Alleviating pressure on burial grounds**

**22 Do you agree that the sale of lairs in perpetuity should be ended?**

No

**Please enter additional comments here.:**

The retention of lairs in perpetuity is a fundamental right of the purchaser and their family. This is recognised as a family grave and the lair contained within it should remain so in perpetuity.

**23 Does the proposed alternative approach provide a suitable balance between enabling people to buy lairs and safeguarding lairs for the future?**

No

**Please enter additional comments here.:**

This will be highly dependent upon the individuals and what they want for their own disposal.

**24a Should there be any restrictions about to whom the owner of a lair can transfer his or her interest?**

Yes

**24b Should this be restricted to family members?**

Yes

**25 Do you agree that Burial Authorities should no longer be able to sell multiple lairs or blocks of lairs to an individual?**

No

**Please enter additional comments here.:**

If this is for the purchase of a family grave and all the lairs within it are applicable to future family, then there would be nothing wrong with purchasing multiple lairs.

**26 The Burial and Cremation Review Group recommended that Burial Authorities may refuse to sell a lair if it believes that it is not for imminent use. How long should constitute 'imminent' in this situation?**

**How long should constitute 'imminent' in this situation? :**

Do you know what will happen to you tomorrow ? Do any of us ? There may be many reasons why people would want to purchase a lair - why should you or any authority question that person's right to purchase a lair in advance of something happening.

I thought we lived in a democracy.

**How could this be tested?:**

**27 Do you agree with the proposal that full lairs and partially-full and unused lairs should be considered for reuse in certain circumstances with appropriate safeguards in place?**

No

**Please enter any additional comments here.:**

The burial place of relatives and family members sacrosanct and should under no circumstances be interfere with in the manner prescribed. This would be a desecration of a family grave and my family and myself would vehemently oppose such a proposition.

**28 Is a period of 75 years sufficient before reuse of a full lair can be considered?**

No

**Please enter additional comments here.:**

Graves and the lairs within them are purchased in perpetuity and must remain so.

It is a family place of burial and must under no circumstances be interfered with.

The saying that it is ones' last resting place should be sacrosanct, honoured and accepted by all, as such. This should not be abused nor have the right of perpetuity re-defined by any government or any burial authority

**29a Does the initial consultation provide sufficient assurance that relevant specialist interests have been consulted?**

No

**Please enter any additional comments here.:**

Without permission being given, regardless of consultation periods, the grave must remain untouched.

**29b Should any other specific organisations or groups be consulted at this stage?**

Don't Know

**30a Does the process set out allow for sufficient notice to be given that a lair is being proposed for reuse?**

No

**Please enter additional comments here.:**

My family are totally against the re-use of family lairs and burial places of our kin and if any government body seeks to do otherwise, we will take whatever legal action is necessary to stop it. You have no right whatsoever to be implying or proposing this.

To me it all appears to be central belt driven and because of ineptitudes in foreseeing the need to and actually acquiring additional cemetery space or further burial grounds, this is the idea you have come up with. The proposal is disgraceful.

**30b Should any particular methods of notification be used in addition to those noted?**

Yes

**Please enter any addition comments.:**

Withdraw this proposal and do not allow the desecration of family lairs and graves.

**31 What can be done to make sure that there are no financial disincentives to opposing to the reuse of a grave?**

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The re-use of any lair or grave should not be allowed - and you will never get our permission to do so.

**32 Other than family members, who should be able to object to the proposed reuse of a lair?**

**What considerations should be made to determine whether an objection from a non-family member is legitimate? :**

What exactly do you mean by family members ? I would state that if there is any one element of objection whatsoever, even from distant lines of descent or distant cousins, then that lair or grave, remains untouched.

**33 What considerations should be made to determine whether an objection from a non-family member is legitimate?**

**What considerations should be made to determine whether an objection from a non-family member is legitimate? :**

The mere fact that an objection has been lodged should be sufficient to render the grave untouchable, as long as the objector can verify association or longstanding friendship with some part of the deceased's family and that they are the only associated human remaining.

**34a If the Burial Authority decides not to reuse a lair on the basis of an objection from a non-family member, should that person become liable for the maintenance of the lair?**

No

**34b If not, should the Burial Authority remain responsible?**

Yes

**35 Do you agree that the 'dig and deepen' method should be used to allow the reuse of full lairs?**

No

**Please enter additional comments here.:**

Absolutely not ! This is desecration of a family grave/lair and must not be allowed.

**36 Are any other techniques available that should be considered?**

No

**Please enter additional comments here.:**

Surely what happens to people when they die is a matter for each individual's or family's choice and must always remain so - it is not for the "State" to interfere in this process.

**37 Do you agree that headstones and memorials may be reused if appropriate?**

No

**Please enter additional comments here.:**

Absolutely not. In addition many of our ancestral family do not have gravestones but their graves have been recorded within burial records - under no circumstances will we allow those graves to be interfered with. Furthermore we also know of graves of relatives existing within a graveyard but we are not specifically aware of where the grave actually is - In such circumstances again we would never give permission for any such graves to be interfered with and would take legal action to prevent any Council or Body doing such. The Council may be responsible for the cemetery and maintain all the graves within it but they do not own the lairs as these have been previously purchased or allocated in perpetuity and no Government or Burial Authority has the right to seek to change this.

**38 Do you agree that headstones and memorials should be removed from lairs if they cannot be made safe?**

Don't Know

**In this instance, what should happen to headstones and memorials that are removed? :**

Perhaps but equally so some form of record must be retained in order to give where possible the details on the gravestone. Removal of that stone however does mean that the lair should then fall into the category of being re-used. Advertise the danger with the stone and seek to get family to pay for its repair.

**39a Are any other approaches for easing the pressure on burial land suitable for use in Scotland?**

Yes

**39b For example, should above ground mausoleums, similar to those found in Europe, be considered?**

Don't Know

**40 Is a period of 25 years sufficient before the use of a partially-full or unused lair can be considered?**

No

**Please enter additional comments here.:**

My answer to 39 a) lies in 43b) second section and equally this should apply to any other areas having a burial problem to resolve. There is plenty of land in Scotland and cemeteries do not despoil or ruin the landscapes. Goodness me when I think of the amount of land that is currently being destroyed by this Government with its wind farm campaigns alone. makes a nonsense and mockery out of any suggestion that burial grounds are scarce and so what if one has to travel 10,15, 20 or so miles to visit a grave site - is that such a problem ? There is always land to secure, just tell the Government and the Council's to get off their bottoms and look for it.

I am not sure above above ground structures but do not think they will in any way enhance or be in keeping with our cemetery layouts.

I/we are totally against this idea of re-use of lairs.

**41 Is 12 months long enough to advertise the intended reuse of a full lair or use of a partially-full or unused lair?**

No

**Where should the Burial Authority's intention be advertised? :**

There should have been another bullet point box stating whether or not one supported this idea. I am totally against the proposal/ idea for the to re-use of family graves and/or lairs.

**42 Where a Burial Authority intends to reuse a lair having undertaken all appropriate consultations, should it be required to make clear to prospective purchasers that the lair is being reused or is part of a lair that is partly full?**

Not Answered

**Please enter additional comments:**

I refuse to answer this question, because the appropriate consultation referred to and possible objections then raised, are starting to appear to be nothing more than an imprudent exercise of process. If family members raised objection to a grave or lair being interfered with, then the next process enacted or enforced by the so called "big brother" in Government or the Burial Authority itself would be to dismiss the objection under whatever grounds they advocated - is this then why, in 43b, they would then have to seek a Court Order. The whole process smacks of enforcement in order for the writers of this bill to get what they want. Why don't you try seeking the views of all outwith the big cities, rather than relying on a majority verdict from city residents who appear to have this burial problem ?

**43a Do the safeguards described provide sufficient reassurance to ensure that lairs are not reused inappropriately?**

No

**Please enter additional comments here:**

Family lairs and those of our ancestral descent should not be interfered with. An objection from any one family member, for whatever reasons given, must be considered as being sufficient to stop any interference with the grave.

**43b Are any other safeguards required – for example, should the Burial Authority be required to seek a court order to reuse a lair?**

No

**Please enter additional comments here:**

This is where we are perhaps getting to the source of an "enforcement proposal" when the "big brother" actions are coming to the surface. No Court Order would ever change my views on my position - the graves of my own and my wife's ancestry are sacrosanct and if you feel you want to waste public money going down such a route, even after you had been told no, then we would take such action to the highest court in the land to have it stopped.

**Please enter additional comments here.:**

Without the express permission of those who are silly enough to allow it - no grave nor lair in Scotland should fall under this folly. You have a problem probably relating more to the central belt with Glasgow and Edinburgh as the key areas. Solve the problem by looking for more land outwith your settlement lines. We have to travel a good distance to see our family graves - learn from that and redress your problem outwith your big cities and purchase more land.

**44 Should certain categories of grave – such as Commonwealth War Graves – be automatically excluded from consideration for reuse?**

Yes

**Please enter additional comments here.:**

Whilst I have indicated the exclusion of war graves from this stupidity - it does not matter whether it be a war grave or a family grave - those graves are all equally important to families like ourselves everywhere and should be treated with the dignity they deserve. A dignity apparently completely amiss from those behind this Consultation.

**Exhumation**

**45 Do you agree with the proposals to streamline the process for authorising exhumations, including an additionally streamlined process for particular categories of exhumation?**

No

**Please enter additional comments here.:**

Attempt this and I for one will proceed with court action. No Government has the right to defile graves.

**46 Do you 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 authorisation once it has carried out specified notifications that it intends to reuse the grave?**

No

**Please enter additional comments here:**

Absolutely not. What you are proposing is an act of desecration and will not be permitted by any living family member of ours.

**47 Do you agree that authorisation for exhumations should be carried out by the inspector, rather than the Scottish Government?**

Not Answered

**Please enter additional comments here:**

I refuse to answer this question because it is an act of proposed desecration.

**48 Do you agree with the proposed approach for the exhumation of cremated remains?**

No

**Please enter additional comments here.:**

## Pandemics and Mass-Fatality Events

**49a Do you agree that the Bill should set out the process for applying for and authorising an exhumation for archaeological purposes?**

No

**49b Should any particular issues be taken into account or conditions applied?**

**Should any particular issues be taken into account or conditions applied? :**

What criteria are you relating archaeological to ? I do not agree with the current process of removing archaeological remains including ancient burial grounds for the purposes of just public interest and/or to make way for developments. A grave should always be considered as a last resting place and more effort by Government should be put into the process of protecting such.

**50 Do you agree that the same power to suspend regulations relating to cremation in response to pandemics or other similar incidents should be extended to any relevant burial regulations?**

Don't Know

**Please enter any additional comments:**

That surely must relate to the pandemic and whether or not cures can be found. If this was to take on Government input in regulation there would also have to be written contingency clauses provided within such regulation that would take account of any new found inoculation processes. The only Government interference that should be allowed is when the health of its nation was under dire threat by such a pandemic.

People long ago were not always cremated and many were buried with infectious diseases - this should surely be a matter for the Health Authority and not just Government.

## Cremation forms and procedures

**51 Do you agree with the principle that a single form should be prescribed for applying for cremations or is it preferable that separate forms should be provided for applying for different categories of cremation?**

Don't Know

**Please set out your reasons for your view. :**

**52 Do you agree that each of these categories should be provided for in cremation application forms?**

Yes

**Please enter additional comments here.:**

**53 Do you agree that Form A should contain these options for any ashes which are recovered?**

Yes

**Please enter additional comments here:**

**54a Do you agree that no cremation which is applied for using Form A should be able to proceed unless the applicant has specified what should happen to the ashes?**

Yes

**Please enter additional comments here.:**

**54b Do the categories above cover all relevant options or should other options be offered?**

Yes

**Please enter additional comments here:**

**55 Do you agree that Form A should state that it may not be possible to recover ashes after the cremation of a very young child?**

Yes

**Please enter additional comments here.:**

**56a Is the process for enabling a person other than the applicant to collect any ashes recovered appropriate?**

Don't Know

**Please enter additional comments here.:**

**56b Are the timings proposed suitable?**

Yes

Please enter additional comments here:

**57 If ashes are left at the crematorium, how long should be required to elapse before the crematorium can make arrangements to dispose of the ashes?**

If ashes are left at the crematorium, how long should be required to elapse before the crematorium can make arrangements to dispose of the ashes?:  
As stated.

**58a Do you agree that the application should be countersigned by someone who is not a member of the applicant's family and who is not involved in the arrangements for the cremation?**

No

**58b Will this prove impractical?**

Yes

Please enter addtional comments:

**58c Should the legislation specify categories of people who may countersign cremation application forms?**

No

Please enter additional comments.:

The only alternative to this proposal is if there were no direct descendants left that a proven distant relative or family friend should apply.

**59 Should application for other categories of cremation require a countersignature?**

Don't Know

Please enter additional comments here:

**60a Given the similarities between the proposed forms, would a single application form applying to the cremation of people born alive and stillborn babies be appropriate, allowing for specific sections of the form to be completed depending on the kind of cremation?**

No

**60b Would separate forms for each category be more appropriate?**

Yes

Please enter additional comments here.:

**61 What information should be considered essential for the cremation application?**

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All details as required on the necessary application form/s

**62a What is the best way to enable Cremation Authorities to undertake this scrutiny?**

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Sounds ok

**62b What level of seniority is appropriate for this role?**

**What level of seniority is appropriate for this role? :**

Family Minister could also be an alternative.

**62c Should the crematorium manager be legally responsible for this scrutiny, even if the actual scrutiny is delegated to a suitably senior member of staff?**

Yes

**62d Should a senior Cremation Authority staff member be required to countersign the form to confirm that all legal requirements have been met?**

Yes

Please enter additional comments here.:

**63 Is there any need for the introduction of statutory forms for applying for a burial?**

Yes

Please enter additional comments here:

**Pregnancy Loss**

**64 Is a comparable process for the burial of a pregnancy loss of less than 24 weeks gestation required?**

Don't Know

Please enter additional comments here.:

**65 Is an alternative process required before the cremation of a pregnancy loss where there is no medical certificate?**

Don't Know

Please enter additional comments here:

**66 Do you agree with these proposals for the form used to seek the mother's agreement to the hospital organising the cremation of a pregnancy loss of less than 24 weeks' notice?**

Don't Know

Please enter additional comments here:

**67a Do you agree with the proposal for who should have the right to instruct the disposal of the remains in the event of a pregnancy loss of less than 24 weeks gestation?**

No

**67b If not, in whom should this right be vested?**

If not, in whom should this right be vested?:

The mother should have the first choice but surely if the mother is incapable of making such then the right should then pass to the father. If no father is available then the mother's mother or parent next and so on through a family line.

Please enter additional comments here:

**68a Do you agree with the proposal to provide a list of people who have the right to instruct the disposal of the remains in the event that the woman is unable to do so?**

Yes

**68b If so, who should be included in this list.**

If so, who should be included in this list.:

Nearest kin

Please enter any additional comments here:

**69a Should there be a maximum time for which a pregnancy loss can be stored by a hospital before it is cremated as part of a shared cremation?**

**69b How long should this be?**

How long should this be?:

Time specified in consultation with the parents

**70 Should the forms for the cremation of a pregnancy loss of less than 24 weeks gestation be statutory?**

Don't Know

if not, why not?:

**71 Should the form used by the hospital to release a pregnancy loss to the mother be statutory?**

Yes

Please enter additional comments here:

**72 Should there be a prescribed form for the application for cremation of a pregnancy loss of less than 24 weeks gestation where the cremation is organised by the mother?**

Yes

Please enter additional comments here:

**73a Do you agree that the application should be countersigned by someone who is not a member of the applicant's family and who is not involved in the arrangements for the cremation?**

No

**73b Will this prove impractical?**

Yes

**73c Should the legislation specify categories of people who may countersign cremation application forms?**

Don't Know

Please enter additional comments here:

### **Cremation Register**

**74a Is this list comprehensive?**

Yes

**74b Should any other information be required to be recorded in the Cremation Register?**

**Should any other information be required to be recorded in the Cremation Register?:**

No it seems fine

**75 Does this proposal provide sufficient confidentiality in the case of the cremation of a pregnancy loss?**

Don't Know

**76 Are there any reasons why the Cremation Register should not be a public document, assuming that appropriate data protection and confidentiality considerations are in place?**

No

**If yes, please enter additional comments here.:**

Under 75 above why are the parents names not being recorded. There is absolutely no reason for this - if a numerical number is to be allocated why is it only linked to a hospital record ?

**77 Do you agree that the Cremation Register should be retained indefinitely?**

Yes

Please enter additional comments here:

### **Accreditation of Cremation Authority staff**

**78 Should the accreditation requirements described in paragraph 176 be set out in a Code of Practice or in legislation?**

Yes

Please enter additional comments here:

**79a How should a person's accreditation be checked?**

**How should a person's accreditation be checked?:**

By the Inspector of Crematoria and burials

**79b How often should a person's accreditation be checked or renewed?**

**How often should a person's accreditation be checked or renewed?:**

Once a year.

## **Inspector of Crematoria**

**80 Do you agree that the role of Inspector should be responsible for crematoria and cemeteries?**

Yes

**Please enter additional comments here:**

**81a Do you agree that the Inspector should be responsible for particular additional functions, as described?**

Don't Know

**81b Are there any other functions that the inspector should carry out?**

No

**Please enter additional comments here.:**

The Inspector of Burial cemeteries should not go against the wishes of next of kin or family if any one of such objects to a grave being disturbed for the purpose of re-using a lair within that grave. This would be sacrilege and should gain no favour with any Appointed Inspector of burials.

**82 Should there be a formal schedule of inspection to ensure that every Cremation Authority and Burial Authority is inspected at least once during a given period?**

Yes

## **Regulation of the Funeral Industry**

**83a Would regulation of the funeral industry be beneficial?**

Yes

**83b What would regulating the industry achieve that cannot be achieved already?**

**What would regulating the industry achieve that cannot be achieved already?:**

A standardisation of funeral costs across the board.

**83c What are the disadvantages of regulating the funeral industry?**

**What are the disadvantages of regulating the funeral industry?:**

None as far as I can see

**84a If the funeral industry were to be regulated, what approach would be most useful for Scotland?**

**If the funeral industry were to be regulated, what approach would be most useful for Scotland?:**

Standardisation of all funeral costs to make them within the scope of all families being able to meet such costs. It is ridiculous that in many instances it costs more to get a couple buried than it does to hold a wedding.

**84b Do the examples given from other jurisdictions provide useful models, ranging from a fully licensed system to a process of self-regulation?**

Yes

**85 Do you agree that an additional inspector role, separate from the Inspector of Crematoria, would be required to support a regulatory regime?**

Yes

**Please enter additional comments here:**

## **Funeral Poverty**

**86 Do you agree with the proposal that Local Authorities should have a legal duty to ensure that their up-to-date burial and cremation costs are published on their website in clear and accessible way?**

Yes

**Please enter any additonal comments:**

**87 Should Local Authorities be required by law to charge funeral costs on a cost-recovery basis only?**

Yes

Please enter additional comments here:

**Any Other Relevant Issues**

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I totally agree with my wife's statements in this section, so please do not exhume and re-inter bodies so that others can be placed in family graves. Let us respect our dead, to us their graves are sacrosanct, so do not defile these last resting places - let the dead rest in peace. There is always sufficient land in Scotland, outwith the settlement boundaries of our cities that could be well used as additional burial grounds. There never ever seems to be any difficulty in finding land for development or for the purposes of Government promoted wind farms on meadows, pastures and flatlands - this intention to re-use burial lairs is a gross indignity - get your acts together, look for the land and do not despoil what we have