

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP (SCOTLAND) BILL FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

SUBMISSION FROM NATIONAL RECORDS OF SCOTLAND

Consultation

Did you take part in either of the Scottish Government consultation exercises which preceded the Bill and, if so, did you comment on the financial assumptions made?

1. NRS officials work closely with Scottish Government colleagues leading on the Bill and contributed to the drafting of the consultation papers.

Do you believe your comments on the financial assumptions have been accurately reflected in the FM?

2. Yes, NRS provided estimates of the likely financial impact in the relevant areas concerning NRS interests.

Did you have sufficient time to contribute to the consultation exercise?

3. No additional contribution was necessary because we had the opportunity to contribute in the drafting of the consultation paper itself.

Costs

If the Bill has any financial implications for your organisation, do you believe that these have been accurately reflected in the FM? If not, please provide details?

4. Yes, NRS provided the estimated costs totalling £200k

Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM and projected over 15 years for each service are reasonable and accurate?

5. Yes.

If relevant, are you content that your organisation can meet the financial costs associated with the Bill which your organisation will incur? If not, how do you think these costs should be met?

6. Yes, NRS estimates that the costs can be met from existing resources.

Does the FM accurately reflect the margins of uncertainty associated with the estimates and the timescales over which such costs would be expected to arise?

7. Yes.

Wider Issues

Do you believe that the FM reasonably captures costs associated with the Bill? If not, which other costs might be incurred and by whom?

8. Yes.

Do you believe that there may be future costs associated with the Bill, for example through subordinate legislation? If so, is it possible to quantify these costs?

9. Yes, there will be future costs associated with the provisions contained in section 8 of the Bill, should a new administrative procedure be introduced that would allow parties to a qualifying civil partnership to change their civil partnership to a marriage. Work is underway to establish how such a procedure might work, but it is not possible to predict any associated costs at this early stage.