

Justice Committee

Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill

Written submission from Scottish Churches Anti-Human Trafficking Group

Scottish Churches Anti-Human Trafficking Group support for the proposal to make human trafficking a statutory aggravation in law. Specifically we wish to support Part 6, Chapter 1, Sections 83-85 of the proposed Bill.

The Group believes that there is a need to strengthen the legislation concerning human trafficking as part of a package of measures to reduce and prevent human trafficking in Scotland. We see the introduction of the statutory aggravation as a useful and important step in doing so.

The Group welcomes the decision of the Scottish Government to implement the recommendation of the EHRC that human trafficking become a statutory aggravation and we encourage the Government to do all it can to stop the trade in human beings.

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Annexe

Membership of the Scottish Churches Anti-Human Trafficking Group

Baptist Union of Scotland – awaiting confirmation
Care for the Family
Catholic Church in Scotland
Church of Scotland
Methodist Church
Religious Society of Friends
Salvation Army
Scottish Episcopal Church
United Reformed Church