

CULTURE, TOURISM, EUROPE AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

CENSUS (AMENDMENT) (SCOTLAND) BILL

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Sex

All humans are male or female; there is no third sex. Intersex people experience sex specific disorders they are, like all humans, male or female. I believe it is essential that the census should reflect the truth that our sex is unchangeable & either male or female.

If we can not collect information on sex clearly then the usefulness of the data are greatly diminished. If the census were to collect male/female/nonbinary then it would not be possible to ascertain what proportion of those who identify as nonbinary are male or female! Thus making planning projections & comparisons less accurate.

Gender Identity

Whilst collecting this information may be of some interest Gender Identity is not something that all people believe in. We do not assume that everyone is of the Christian faith & ask which church they follow, we ask if people are religious.

I am female, I do not believe in a gender identity, I have a personality!
Gender identity is not a widely understood term, a clear definition should be provided.