

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM DONALD MACKAY

Question 6: stirring up hatred

A new offence is proposed to be created of conduct likely to stir up hatred. who is to be the judge of that?

Surely there should be an intention to stir up hatred, as I believe there is in the England & Wales legislation.

Free speech provisions should be strong enough to ensure that anyone expressing vigorous views on controversial issues is allowed to do so.

Donald Mackay
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