Proposed Restriction of Outside Remuneration etc. of MSPs Bill

Page 1: Introduction

A proposal for a Bill to ban MSPs from certain categories of remunerated work, restrict remuneration from any additional work, and limit the time spent on certain activities. The consultation runs from 14 January 2019 to 2 May 2019. All those wishing to respond to the consultation are strongly encouraged to enter their responses electronically through this survey. This makes collation of responses much simpler and quicker. However, the option also exists of sending in a separate response (in hard copy or by other electronic means such as e-mail), and details of how to do so are included in the member’s consultation document. Questions marked with an asterisk (*) require an answer. All responses must include a name and contact details. Names will only be published if you give us permission, and contact details are never published – but we may use them to contact you if there is a query about your response. If you do not include a name and/or contact details, we may have to disregard your response. Please note that you must complete the survey in order for your response to be accepted. If you don’t wish to complete the survey in a single session, you can choose “Save and Continue later” at any point. Whilst you have the option to skip particular questions, you must continue to the end of the survey and press “Submit” to have your response fully recorded. Please ensure you have read the consultation document before responding to any of the questions that follow. In particular, you should read the information contained in the document about how your response will be handled. The consultation document is available here: Consultation document Privacy Notice

I confirm that I have read and understood the Privacy Notice attached to this consultation which explains how my personal data will be used

Page 2: About you

Are you responding as an individual, or on behalf of an organisation? Note: If you choose "individual" and consent to have the response published, it will appear under your own name. If you choose "on behalf of an organisation" and consent to have the response published, it will be published under the organisation’s name.

an individual

Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose "Member of the public").

Member of the public

Optional: You may wish to explain briefly what expertise or experience you have that is relevant to the subject-matter of the consultation:

Supporter of this bill

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

No Response
### Page 8: Aim and Approach (General Aims and Approach of the Bill)

**Q1. Which of the following best describes your view of the principle that being an MSP is a full-time job and that being elected to the Scottish Parliament should commit MSPs not to undertake other remunerated activities, while they are an MSP?**

| Fully supportive |

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

I believe it is a full time job and can only be done on that basis

**Q2. What (if any) restrictions on MSPs outside employment should there be?**

| A - An outright ban on non-MSP work, with some specified exceptions |

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

This job needs 100 percent commitment and concentration to on representation of constituents

### Page 10: Banning certain categories of remunerated work

**Q3. The proposal is to ban MSPs doing any additional remunerated work, apart from the exceptions listed in Annex 1. Which of the following best describes your view?**

| No Response |
Page 11: Limiting outside earnings

Q4. The proposal is that there should be an overall cumulative limit, for any calendar year, on the amount that an MSP can earn from additional remunerated work. The proposal is to express this as a % of an MSP's salary (currently £62,149). In your view, what should that overall limit be?

The limit on how much MSPs can earn in addition to their salary as MSPs (or Ministers) should be set at 25% of an MSP's salary (i.e. £15,537).

Please explain the reasons for your response.
not Sure how to answer this as some MSPs do work very long hours and give up their own time so why not

Page 12: Limiting time spent on activities where MSPs have a financial interest

Q5. The proposal is to restrict the amount of time (each month) that MSPs can spend on activities in which they have a financial interest. (This would not apply to the exceptions listed in Annex 1). Which of the following best describes your view? (NB: A “Parliamentary sitting week” is any working week (Mon-Fri) when the Scottish Parliament is not in recess. In a typical year, the Parliament is in recess for a week in February, 2 weeks at Easter, 9 weeks in the summer, 2 weeks in October and 2 weeks over Christmas and New Year.)

There should be a ban on MSPs spending any time on activities in which they have a financial interest, but only during Parliamentary sitting weeks.

Please explain the reasons for your answer, or indicate if you believe another approach would be better.
Every one has the right to supplement their income but only if it doesn’t interfere with the duties of their constituents

Q6. If there were to be a year-round limit on the amount of time (each month) that MSPs can spend on activities in which they have a financial interest, what should it be? (This would not apply to the exceptions listed in Annex 1).

A limit of 24 hours per month.

Please explain the reasons for your answer.
It is a full time job so time has to be limited fo both work and health reasons

Page 14: Reporting and Enforcement Procedures
Q7. In order to enforce restrictions, what should be the next step following the self-reporting by MSPs on their outside earnings and time spent, and the publication by Parliament of that data?

Existing procedures should be followed (i.e. investigation by an external Commissioner of any complaint and decision by a Parliamentary committee). Any breach should be punished with Parliamentary sanctions.

**Please explain the reasons for your answer.**
They are open to same procedures as any worker.

Q8. Which of the following best expresses your view of whether/how to sanction an MSP for exceeding the limit for outside earnings?

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**Page 16: Financial Implications**

Q9. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have?

*No Response*

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**Page 17: Equalities**

Q10. What overall impact is the proposed Bill likely to have on equality, taking account of the following protected characteristics (under the Equality Act 2010): age, disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion and belief, sex, sexual orientation?

Positive

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**Page 18: Sustainability**

Q11. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably, i.e. without having likely future disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impacts?

Yes

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**Page 19: General**
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