

# Proposed Stalking Protection (Scotland) Bill

## Introduction

A proposal for a Bill to increase protection of victims of stalking by giving police the power to apply for stalking protection orders on behalf of victims. The consultation runs from 29 April 2019 to 21 July 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

## About you

Please choose whether you are 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

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

*No Response*

Please choose one of the following:

I am content for this response to be published and attributed to me or my organisation

Please provide your name or the name of your organisation. (Note: the name will not be published if you have asked for the response to be anonymous or "not for publication". Otherwise this is the name that will be published with your response).

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Please provide details of a way in which we can contact you if there are queries regarding your response. Email is preferred but you can also provide a postal address or phone number. We will not publish these details.

## Aim and approach

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of increasing protections for victims of stalking by giving police the power to apply for Stalking Protection Orders on behalf of victims?

Fully supportive

**Please explain the reasons for your response, including any advantages and/or disadvantages of the proposed Bill.**

I have been and still am a victim of stalking/unwanted behaviour for 14 years, this power to the police as other countries have makes it undeniable for the stalking to continue without further consequences to the perpetrator saving police time and further COSTS to our government.

Q2. Which of the following best expresses your view of limiting Stalking Protection Orders to a maximum duration of two years, with the possibility of renewal by the court?

Partially supportive

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

If after two years the court can renew the order, that would be fair & just to all concerned.

Q3. Which of the following best expresses your view of making the breach of a Stalking Protection Order a criminal offence, with a maximum sentence of up to 6 months imprisonment and/or a fine on summary conviction, and up to 5 years imprisonment and/or a fine for conviction on indictment?

Fully supportive

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

There are fines and imprisonment set in place for actions such as litter which affects all our lives, why do those who are stalking others unwanted like our litter not have a consequence that is also a criminal offence.

Q4. Which of the following best expresses your view of allowing a Stalking Protection Order to be made against a child (i.e. under the age of 16 and above the age of criminal responsibility in Scotland)?

Fully supportive

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

A strong argument would be that even a baby knows not to touch a heated item (kettle etc) why would we continue to allow a person under 16 years of age have more rights than a victim

## Financial implications

Q5. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have on:

	Significant increase in cost	Some increase in cost	Broadly cost-neutral	Some reduction in cost	Significant reduction in cost	Unsure
<b>(a) Government and the public sector, including the police and courts</b>					X	
<b>(b) Businesses</b>					X	
<b>(c) Individuals</b>					X	

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

At the end of every bill there is always a cost, this bill would help firstly our government/public sector and especially the police in EVERY way! Businesses to function more profitable without the absence of staff subject to this behaviour, and individuals who have been punished with the continuous thought of having to sell everything in there lives to have a life.

## Equalities

Q6. 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, maternity and pregnancy, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation?

Positive

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

Arrant we all suppose to be equal

Q7. In what ways could any negative impact of the Bill on equality be minimised or avoided?

The only negative impact would be towards the offender not the proposed bill.

## Sustainability

Q8. 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

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

We have anti social behaviours laws delivered, these have only been to social an environmental credit like the this bill would be to those who have had to suffer at a disproportionate level in our country.

## General

Q9. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal?

Yes, we have to let more people know this is proposed so one can get the true perspective of how important this bill would be and the reduction in cost to our government to implement.