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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to respond to questions 4, 12 and 13 of the consultation regarding 'Sexual Orientation Regulations'.

Q4. I would desire that church premises be exempt from these regulations. My understanding of these regulations is that if my church refuses to hire out its premises to a 'gay rights' group it could be sued, simply because it **does** not want its premises to be used by a group which has practices which are contrary to my church's (and Christian) teaching on sexual morality.

Qs. 12 and 13. I consider that an exemption should most definitely be provided from these regulations for ALL the activities of churches and religious organisations, and NOT restricted to activities which are primarily doctrinal. Churches are not only concerned with doctrine but also with how that doctrine is lived out by the members of the church. If a church believes that homosexual practices are contrary to the teaching of the Bible, then it also believes that it would be wrong to let those who carry out these practices use church premises.

Therefore I would ask that church premises and the sale of church property be exempted from the Sexual Orientation Regulations.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Yours faithfully,

.. E. Stair (Miss)