

# Proposed Electricians (Scotland) Bill

## Introduction

A proposal for a bill to provide for the protection of title and registration of electricians. The consultation runs from 19 August to 10 November 2020. 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

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

I am Electrician who has watched for many years companies blatantly use unskilled men for skilled job's, not only do they inadvertently use them they actively seek them out, they are all at it, even the big guys taking public money, Electricians mates they all require. Working on live installations without a proper days training in their whole lives. How does these buildings manage to get insurance when the lion's share of the work is being carried out by unskilled men ?? Do you think at the tendering stage the bogus companies are pricing the jobs on unskilled labour or do you think they perhaps price the job for qualified skilled men , no brainer.

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).

Eddie Kelly

## Aim and approach

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposed Bill?

Fully supportive

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

It's long overdue, companies have been getting away with murder for many years, and i mean many years.

Q2. What do you think would be the main practical advantages of the proposed Bill?

This proposed bill will be the best thing that will have happened to the Electrical industry for many years. Years ago these practices would not have happened, ( companies using unskilled men for skilled work ) that's when we had a union that everyone was in, but this is positive for all qualified Electricians.

Q3. What do you think would be the main practical disadvantages of the proposed Bill?

None

Q4. Which of the following best expresses your view of the establishment of a single register for electricians?

Fully supportive

**Please give any views or comments on a single register and how it might be set up**

It would be set up so easy if we could get everyone in the union.

Q5. Which of the following best expresses your view of establishing protection of title for electricians?

Fully supportive

**Please give any views or comments either on the principle or practical operation of protection of title:**

It's not so much to protect the title ( although i have no objection to it ) it's to make it illegal for companies to openly use unskilled men for skilled work.

## Financial Implications

Q6. 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</b>						
<b>(b) Businesses</b>		X				
<b>(c) Individuals</b>						

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Obviously it's going to cost more to employ a skilled man rather than an unskilled man, but Electricity kills, and if you employed only skilled men the product shall improve, the safety records shall improve and so the reputation of the company improves, that's how it used to work before they all got involved with the Electricians mate thing.

Q7. Are there ways in which the Bill could achieve its aim more cost-effectively (e.g. by reducing costs or increasing savings)?

This is going to be the hardest point to getting the bill through, a ton of these companies for years have been saving a fortune by using unskilled labour, it's become the norm to use unskilled men, because all the standards have slipped over the years the product is secondary.

## Equalities

Q8. 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, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation?

Positive

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

Only positive

Q9. In what ways could any negative impact of the Bill on equality be minimised or avoided?

None

## Sustainability

Q10. 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.**

Sorry, but i am now getting fed up, i think i have answered all relative questions honestly.

## General

Q11. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal?

Get everyone back in the union