

Email from **Bill Esterson MP**

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Dear Mr Dexter

I have received a number of emails and letters on the subject of the Governments proposed legislation on 'same sex marriage'.

I would just like to reaffirm my position.

Firstly the government, of which I am not a member, is generally supportive of same sex marriage and are presently consulting on this. There are many different views on the subject and we live in a tolerant society where there should be no discrimination on grounds of sexuality.

The Parliamentary Labour Party have agreed that they will not be imposing a 'whip' on this but whether there was a 'free vote' or not I will be supporting legislation for gay marriage whilst recognising that some people do not for deeply held religious and other reasons.

Yours

Bill Esterson MP