

## Abortion Law Amendments (HFE Bill) - 2008

Please do not hand or send this sheet to candidates/prospective candidates

The questions overleaf are for use by local SPUC officers in face to face interviews with prospective candidates. If it is not possible to have a meeting with the candidate, you might want to conduct an interview over the telephone, though this is not usually as satisfactory.

### **Candidate:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Party: \_\_\_\_\_

Constituency: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel no \_\_\_\_\_

### **Interviewer:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SPUC Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tel, day: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel, evening/mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of interview: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of interview: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please put these questions *VERBALLY* to your local prospective candidates, and indicate their responses by ticking "Support" or "Oppose", and/or noting their response under "Other"..

### ABORTION LAW AMENDMENTS - QUESTIONS TO PUT TO CANDIDATES

A number of major changes to the abortion law are currently* being proposed by MPs. If elected to Parliament would you vote to support, or oppose, the following:	Support	Oppose	Other
a) Removing the need for a second doctor to approve an abortion in early pregnancy			
b) Abolishing the need for any medical reason for abortions when being done in early or mid-pregnancy			
c) Permitting abortion agencies to employ nurses and midwives to perform abortions instead of doctors			
d) Permitting abortions to be done in GP surgeries and school sick-rooms.			
e) Making it a criminal offence to persuade a woman not to have an abortion by use of factual information if it was deemed to be misleading.			
f) Forcing doctors and nurses to give out drugs which cause very early abortions, regardless of any conscientious objection			
g) Extending the 1967 Abortion Act to Northern Ireland			

Note: none of these questions refers to changing abortion time limits as such. If the candidate raises this issue, you may wish to explain why the time-limits approach has proved counter-productive.

**Please add any further notes or comments us about the interview below.**

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Please check that you have completed the details of the candidate and your own details, as interviewer, overleaf, and then return this form to:

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\* The relevant amendments were tabled in May, June and July. Full details are available on the parliamentary website or from SPUC.