

Now considering the aforementioned, is it fair that "I" as a Civil Marriage Celebrant, along with my fellow colleagues, am to be "slugged" with the proposed registration fee solely, excluding Religious and Registry Office Celebrants?

Why am "I" being singled out, why am "I" being discriminated against? Why are religious celebrants and the Registry Office celebrants not being also charged a registration fee?

Further I have to promote my celebrant business, incurring advertising fees, borne solely by "me". "I" am asked to have a 'Safe - Confidential' office and storage, "I" supply and maintain, my computer/laptop, my filing system under lock and key all at my own expense. I have phone, fax and email communication all paid for solely by "me".

Am I to understand by this Discrimination against Civil Marriage Celebrants that there is an attempt to wipe "me" out, thereby only retaining Religious and Registry Office Celebrants?

"I" strongly believe "I" am supplying a service to the community, which I have been told by couples is much valued, personal and caring.

I therefore respectfully request this matter be re-considered and in all fairness make it that ALL Celebrants, (any person with the authority to conduct a legal marriage ceremony) pay the proposed registration fee.

Let us Civil Marriage Celebrants too feel valued and assured "we" contribute to the community in our capacity.

Thank you

[Redacted Signature]

Please note when I am referring to "I" I mean "Civil Celebrant"