SCHEDULE 1

Amendments to the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977

6. After section 6 insert—

"Marriage notice: false information or evidence

- **6A.**—(1) A district registrar may refuse to complete a Marriage Schedule under section 6 in a case where—
 - (a) a marriage notice has been submitted under section 3(1), and
 - (b) the district registrar has reasonable grounds for suspecting that a relevant decision was made incorrectly because of the provision of false information or evidence in or accompanying that notice.
- (2) If the district registrar refuses to complete a Marriage Schedule under subsection (1), the parties to the proposed marriage are to be taken not to have submitted a marriage notice under section 3; but that does not prevent criminal proceedings from being brought against either party, or any other person, in relation to the submission of notice.
- (3) This section is without prejudice to any other powers of district registrars to refuse to complete a Marriage Schedule.
 - (4) In this section—
 - "evidence" includes a photograph or other image;
 - "exempt person" has the same meaning as in section 3F;
 - "relevant decision" means a decision of a district registrar that a party to the proposed marriage is an exempt person."