

**Elin Jones AM**

Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee

17 May 2019

Dear Llywydd,

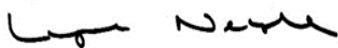
**Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill**

I wrote to you on 14 March to agree in principle the timetable for the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill.

At the time I noted that the Committee was content to agree the timetable in principle, but may need to revisit it based on the number of responses to our consultation on the Bill's general principles. Our consultation closed on 14 May and we received 655 responses. This is much higher than our usual volume of responses.

In order to enable us to pay sufficient attention to all respondents' views, we would be grateful for a two week extension to produce our Stage 1 report (from Friday 19 July to Friday 2 August 2019). This would ensure that the report is published in plenty of time to avoid any delay to the debate on the general principles in Plenary, scheduled for 17 September 2019.

Yours sincerely,



**Lynne Neagle AM**  
**Chair**

