Consultation on the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill

About you
Individual

1 The Bill’s general principles

1.1 Do you support the principles of the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill?
— No

1.2 Please outline your reasons for your answer to question 1.1

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

I do not believe a parents right to discipline their own children in an appropriate loving way should be removed.

If the pretence is to protect children from abuse, there are already multiple laws in place to protect children from abuse or violence. Chastening a child using a smack is not violent nor abusive, I was smacked for bad behaviour and grew up with a greater respect for my parents.

I do not believe it fair or reasonable that loving caring parents should be made into criminals by this bill.

1.3 Do you think there is a need for legislation to deliver what this Bill is trying to achieve?

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

No.
2 The Bill’s implementation

2.1 Do you have any comments about any potential barriers to implementing the Bill? If no, go to question 3.1

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

2.2 Do you think the Bill takes account of these potential barriers?

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

3 Unintended consequences

3.1 Do you think there are any unintended consequences arising from the Bill? If no, go to question 4.1

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

Yes, law abiding parents will be criminalised.

There is no way to police this if the bill is passed.

How many parents will be accused of wrong doing simply because a child claims something (young children often say imaginative things) or another person deems something as inappropriate which wasn’t.

4 Financial implications

4.1 Do you have any comments on the financial implications of the Bill (as set out in Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum)? If no, go to question 5.1

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

Waste of money introducing a bill that’s sole aim is to undermine parents and family.

5 Other considerations

5.1 Do you have any other points you wish to raise about this Bill?

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)