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

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**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)*

It will only lead to many parents having a criminal conviction and thousands of children placed in an already broken care system. Educate the public on how a child really feels when smacked like a domestic violence campaign

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

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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)

- Parents with criminal convictions
- More children placed in care
- Heavier workload for social workers

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)

- The cost of looking after the children placed in foster system
- Cost of criminal proceedings for parents
- Cost of parents who have been jailed
- Employing more social workers

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)

The assembly shouldn’t appear to be over stepping the mark when it comes to the rights of a parent to raise their child, parents who smack will not be changed by a law but possibly educating them would help.