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)

I believe this bill would interfere with family life, parents discipline their children because they love them, sometimes this may need a moderate smack to make it clear to the child of what they are doing being wrong or even dangerous to themselves. The government has no right to tell parents not to lovingly discipline their children. The government also seem out of touch with the general public on this issue, the majority of families do not want this. True child abuse is already illegal and law enforcement energies should be targeted towards this not chasing up ridiculous accusations of abuse through a mild smack.

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)

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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)

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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)

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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, I believe good, loving parents will end up in trouble with the law, I also believe a lot of tax payers money will be wasted in police and social workers investigating loving discipline instead of true crime.

I also believe that in a time when our country needs greater child discipline in family life and school life, we are going the opposite way. Little wonder that there is a decreasing lack of respect for authority and law amongst the young!

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)

Yes, I believe the whole thing is a waste of tax payers money.

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)

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