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)*

loving parents must not be criminalised. It is the parent’s role to decide whether to smack their child - = not the government

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 Current legislation satisfactory

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)*

the law already protects children from violence. It is bizzare to describe a loving smack as violence. Who is to implement such a bill? Police and social workers have enough to do already. They could be over-whelmed with trivial reports.
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)

NO

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)

As above - criminalise parents. Discipline is essential to bring up a happy and responsible child.

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)

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)

I smacked my children on a very few occasions. I would explain why I had to do this and that it upset me to have to do this.