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)

Banning smacking could possibly result in thousands of parents being criminals, and would not stop bad parents abusing children, in fact it would possibly make it impossible for our police force to adequately enforce this law.

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)

A recent poll...2017ComRes reports that 76% of welsh adults were against criminalising smacking as aposed to those in favour was just 11% so therefore implementing such a smacking ban would be against the majority o& the welsh people.
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 real cases of child abuse would be missed.

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)

A gentle smack has been in place for many many years in the bringing up of children as means of discipline, I have brought two children up and were smacked on occasions, they are both parents now, and I must say, they are well adjusted adults. It hasn’t harmed them one bit. They were dealt with in love.