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*)

Discipline is always necessary in bringing up young children and although to be used as a last resort must be available to loving parents. Nobody condones abusive use of force and this is already covered under the 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*)

No. Child protection is already covered by the law and adequate measures available to the authorities when required

**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*)

It will be difficult to prove these offences and is likely to put barriers between parents and children
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)

obviously it hasn’t been considered

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)

Criminalising parents for reasonable chastisement is clearly ludicrous

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)

interference by the state in raising a family is totally unacceptable in this subjective area