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)*

Totally unnecessary as present law is adequate

This could criminalise parents and divert resources from the police

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

Existing legislation is fine

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)*

There could be false allegations
Not enough police to deal with 'real crimes' at the moment

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 there 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 decent child loving parents

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)

All red tape that will incur many more civil servants at tax payers expense for no real purpose

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)

Totally unnecessary

The current law adequately protects children and parents-- who dreamt this up!!?