Consultation on the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill

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Evidence submitted to the Children, Young People and Education Committee for Stage 1 scrutiny of 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)

Welsh assembly should not be creating, amending or removing any part of law or defence of a parent who choose how and when they discipline their child. Welsh Government should act for the Welsh economy and remove themselves from the personal lives of Welsh people. This is not a nanny state and nor should it. A slapped bum did me no harm, will the government be placing naughty steps every 100 metres in public?

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, none.

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)

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, social services are already stretched, parents who suffer under this bill may face special guardianship orders from family courts and children removed for the parent doing the right thing when finding out their 13 year old has been terrorising the community.

Foster care services are in no way ready for this bill or the consequences of it.

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)

This bill overreaches the power of devolved government. I propose a bill to ban assembly members and devolution in general.