

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

Tystiolaeth i'r <b>Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg</b> ar gyfer craffu Cyfnod 1 <b>Bil Plant (Diddymu Amddiffyniad Cosb Resymol)</b> (Cymru)	Evidence submitted to the <b>Children, Young People and Education Committee</b> for Stage 1 scrutiny of the <b>Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill</b>
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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)*

Parents are responsible for bringing up their children not the Welsh government. This bill diminishes the roll of parents. Criminalising parents is wrong. A sharp slap on the hand or leg can be beneficial as I know when I was a child. The threat of getting a smack made me think twice about my actions. I commend my mum as a single parent back in the 1950's it was hard going especially with the stigma attached to it. ( my father walked out and left my mum to bring us up on her own.)

#### 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 If there is family support

### 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)*

This bill is making criminals out of loving parents. The police and social workers already have enough to do and I would suggest that reported incidents under this law would have a low response status.

## **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)*

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## **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)*

Once children realise that they have the upper hand they will take full advantage of it and society as a whole will suffer.

## **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)*

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## **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 better solution would be to improve the status of parents. In my childhood we were taught by my mother the right and wrong thing to do and also to look at other people as equals. I was brought up knowing the 10 Commandments too. Parents are the key to bringing up children, give them the support and encouragement to do a good job.