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)

Thousands of loving parents would be criminalised. It will not stop bad parents abusing their children. Smacking is not chill abuse. The law already protects children from violence. 76% of Welsh adults were against criminalising smacking.

Why, against this overwhelming opinion does the Welsh Government persist in pushing through? The Bill says that the law should be the same for children as it is for adults. How ridiculous! Would we allow a child to marry or vote or drive a car? No because they are children.

It is the role of a parent to decide whether to smack their child not the Government. No

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.
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)

I have answered this in question 1.2

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 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. Loving parents would be criminalised. Children could be potentially removed from parents over allegations that they have been smacked.

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)

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