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)*

I believe a child needs to have clear boundaries and disciplining a child is out of love. Sometimes this requires a smack. My children all have children of their own and I have opportunity to observe the different methods of correcting their children and the differing levels of efficacy.

I continue to have honour and respect from each of my adult children with a close and caring relationship.

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. There are so many children today who are totally undisciplined. and often constitute great difficulty for the reaching profession because there are no clear boundaries within the home. Political correctness has escalated beyond common sense and we are paying the price.
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 are already children within schools who already accuse responsible adults falsely in relation to discipline. Anything that increases or perpetuates this state of affairs is inadvisable.

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)

Policing parents, sounds like a totalitarian state. It is the thin end of the wedge. Of course I’m well aware of the few parents whose treatment of their children amounts to abuse but changing the law isn’t going to affect the minority and would take away freedom of choice from the general population.

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)

This would be a waste of financial resources that could be far better used improving the policing of our streets deterring crime and general security through the armed forces.

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)

There are so many areas today that rules are made to accommodate popular opinion rather than adhere to moral absolutes...

My children are a gift from God to be treasured, loved and disciplined so that they will become an asset wherever they go.