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

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**About you**

Name: Linda German

Role: Teaching assistant

1 **The Bill’s general principles**

1.1 Do you support the principles of the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill?

— Yes

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)

Children don’t need to live in fear especially of violence at home from their carers.

They learn best with good role models, in a positive nurturing atmosphere.

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)

Yes absolutely

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)

People’s misconceptions around what parents are allowed to do with their children.
Fear of reporting because of implications for what can be perceived otherwise good parents.

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)*

Hopefully

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)*

Upset certain religious types

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)*

Don’t know

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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