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)

1. Regarding smacking there is no need to change the law. Child abuse is already illegal, and smacking as punishment for wrongdoing, or prevention of harm, is NOT child abuse.

2. Adults who do wrong require punishment proportional to the harm, and detention, likewise for children. The UK including Wales kills people of other countries to curb or prevent evil. Wales also kills unborn infants (10,000 per year in Wales alone, and do we weep at such shame? No, we pretend it’s good and are proud and live in deceit, and under God’s judgement!), and even offers to kill those from other parts of the UK. Lets do away with this enormous hypocrisy first before pretending to be a caring loving country! NB - I am not suggesting we harm children, only that we get our priorities right.

3. Expert advice is being ignored (See Larzelere). This is what happened with the organs bill too. So it is clear that the parties promoting the smacking bill are again following somebody or some party’s whim instead of sound advice. This is BAD GOVERNMENT.

4. The bill will greatly increase the likelihood of children getting their parents into trouble. This will sometimes be out of spite, and also out of pressure from the bill’s supporters in child organisations including schools. This happened extensively in Nazi Germany and the
USSR (and other places) - it had disastrous results on parents, families, the children themselves, and ultimately their countries.

5. The bill will have little or no effect on those who abuse their children at and above the current allowed level of restraint. Why should it restrain them? They’ll do it anyway. So the bill is pointless. To say it will make Wales appear to be a better place is meaningless given the points in point 2 above.

6. Children tell lies and exaggerate. We cannot deny this. Parents and families will consequently suffer, as in point 4 above. And they will be believed to the detriment of all.

7. Surveys suggest that 80% of us were smacked as children without it doing harm, and with it doing mainly good. With a population of 3 million of whom 20% are under 15, and so roughly 600,000 parent, all these will be exposed to the wrong results of this bill. Do we then have 600k of parents who might be prone to exceed reasonable force? Is this what Wales has come to - God forbid. But this is what the bill implies. And what about the grandparents who were brought up under different laws, they will be at risk too. And all you AMs - be the first to declare the smacks you gave - and go to jail for it - that might be much better for the country, and every family in it.

8. So the bill will force 2 million parents and grandparents to change their good, and perceived good, ways for bad ones. And with what result? More children will be taken from their parents, many parents will go to jail, and a meagre few children will bee spared, and many more children will end up undisciplined and a hazard to future of all. As appears to have happened in Scandinavia!

9. God is not against smacking naughty children. See Old Testament and the New. Wales is becoming increasingly godless and rebellious against God’s statutes. It will be to the detriment of Wales therefore to implement such a bill. God is not unaware of our wickedness, so we will have to pay for it in the future. The country is increasingly lawless, and this bill will add much to this situation

10. This bill is a WHALE to catch a mackerel, and likewise will fail to deliver.

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)

1. NO. See the points above.

2. What is needed is firmer discipline not less.
3. Wales, and the UK as a whole, needs to return to basic Christian principles worked out in faith and accordance with God's Textbook, the Bible. This is neglected and/or compromised in education. It is mocked in society and the media. To stop violence and make Wales a less violent country I suggest try stopping all the gratuitous violence and other un/anti Christian programmes on TV and web. And promote Jesus Christ instead - and exclusive of all alternative bills and policies. Draconian? Yes, but no more so than the TOTALITARIANISM of the Welsh Senate. Utopia? Yes, sadly, and won't be achieved until Jesus returns. We must do our best, but this bill will do much harm.

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

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1. All the work and holy staff which will be needed to separate childhood lies from the truth.

2. The potential number of people who will be accused under this bad law runs to millions. Which of these will we incarcerate? It will be another 'post-code lottery'!

3. Real offenders will escape.

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)

No.

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

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1. Yes many - see previous sections.

2. Discipline will decrease just when we need more. e.g. knife crime, e.g. ten times the number of murders compared with 60 years ago, deceit in all sections of society, including politics, parliament, and the Welsh Senate (look closely at the Senate's sub-committee's submission of numbers needed for organs and compare with the committee's discussions and previous predictions!)
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

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If all who smack are prosecuted, the cost will run to billions, because the compass of this bill is so excessive.

5 Other considerations

5.1 Do you have any other points you wish to raise about this Bill?

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