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

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)

Smacking a child is not child abuse. A firm but gentle smack warns a young child before they are of an age to understand what is said to them.

It is important that children are brought up with proper and appropriate discipline. A smack may be part of this.

The overwhelming number of parents love their children. A loving smack exercised now and again is not violence.

This Bill is not necessary. Let parents be parents.

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

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2.2 Do you think the Bill takes account of these potential barriers?

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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 - you would turn responsible parents into criminals!

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)

This Bill would do nothing to identify real child abusers. It would turn the spotlight away from them and focus it on innocent parents who are endeavouring to bring up their children in a responsible and disciplined home environment.