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)*

The Bible teaches, so God says, that if you spare the rod you spoil the child. This is not an opportunity for parents to abuse or severely beat their child but to administer physical punishment in a loving environment. Currently the law only allows for mild physical punishment and this should not be removed completely. A loving parent will not beat or abuse their child but will use the best means possible to discipline them.

This Bill if it becomes law will criminalise such parents and will allow children to have the authority over their parents instead of the other way around. It smacks (no pun intended) of state intervention which is becoming of a dictatorship or extreme communist state. I would sincerely hope that we do not follow this route and that those in power will not want this outcome.

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 definitely not.
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)

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)

The bill will criminalise law-abiding, loving parents and will put unnecessary burden on the legal system and the social work service.

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)

The financial implications will be a lot higher than detailed in the Explanatory Memorandum or the bill will not be implemented effectively.

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)