

# Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill

## Page 2: About you

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

an individual

Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose "Member of the public".)

Member of the public

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

*No Response*

Please choose one of the following; if you choose the first option, please provide your name or the name of your organisation as you wish it to be published.

I would like this response to be anonymous (the response may be published, but no name)

Please insert your name or the name of your organisation. If you choose the first option above, this should be the name as you wish it to be published. If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

Please provide details of a way in which we can contact you if there are queries regarding your response. Email is preferred but you can also provide a postal address or phone number. We will not publish these details.

## Page 7: Your views on the proposal

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposal of giving children equal protection from assault by prohibiting all physical punishment of children?

Partially opposed

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**Please explain the reasons for your response**

There is an element of public common sense in how we view parental disciplining as opposed to children's abuse. The nanny state has banned punishment in schools and now there appears to be a significant increase in abuse of teachers and bullying of children. The local police officer could clip your ear and respect was shown in general. Now young children openly disregard other people and the me me me culture is very evident. Parents are encouraged to discuss, give time outs etc but the behaviour I see on a daily basis doesn't give me much hope for respect for anyone from the children of today. I'm proud to be from the generation where a firm hand applied to me made me realise the error of my ways quickly with no lasting resentment to my parents. The same applied to the tawse from teachers. Had I classed myself as "physically abused" I'm sure this would have altered my feelings considerably.

Q2. Could the aims of the proposal be better delivered in another way (without a Bill in the Scottish Parliament)?

Yes (if so, please explain below)

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Yes leave parenting to parents

Q3. What do you think would be the main advantages, if any, of giving children equal protection from assault by prohibiting all physical punishment of children?

*No Response*

Q4. What do you think would be the main disadvantages, if any, of giving children equal protection from assault by prohibiting all physical punishment of children?

Further deterioration in the fabric of society by removing an effective tool for parents to instil values.

## Page 11: Financial implications

Q5. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have?

Significant increase in cost

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

No doubt we will need another round of how to parent properly propoganda, financial incentives, classes, workshops etc etc

## Page 12: Equalities

Q6. What overall impact is the proposed Bill likely to have on the following protected groups (under the Equality Act 2010): race, disability, sex, gender re-assignment, age, religion and belief, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity?

Neutral (neither positive nor negative)

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Discipline applies to all the above groups, which form it takes has not been asked. We would discipline a drunk pregnant woman for driving! A physically disabled person could be charged with murder!

Q7. Could any negative impact of the proposed Bill on any of these protected groups be minimised or avoided?

*No Response*

## Page 14: Sustainability of the proposal

Q8. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably i.e. without having a disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impact?

Unsure

## Page 15: General

Q9. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal?

Yes. Get a grip.