

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 am content for this response to be attributed to me or my organisation

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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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?

Fully opposed

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Please explain the reasons for your response

Current legislation is perfectly adequate ie the Children and Young Persons Act 1937 with reference to cruelty and neglect and the Section 51 The Criminal Justice Act 2003 ie not using an implement eg cane or belt.nor shaking nor hitting the head.You are inadvertently criminalis concerned Parents which is,of course,the experience in Sweden where the Police have harassed Parents,hundreds have been criminalised and where recent surveys show that 11% of Parents still smack,as they still do in other European countries.Removing the belt from Scottish Schools in the early 1980s was an utter disaster and now you would do the same in schools.Most Parents do not want this and the Scottish Government will not change the Law.In the Dunfermline Urban area we have hundreds of feral kids who take drugs,drink,smoke,vandalise,fight,spit,use fireworks and arson,attack wildlife and pet animals.urinate on our war memorial,defecate in kids sand pits,have underage sex,swear,have mob rule etc.The Police take them home to Parents who do not know where they are nor do they care.These kids regard the Children's Panel as a Paper Tiger!Meanwhile most Parents try to give kids a code of conduct as they move towards maturity and self discipline.They learn respect and gain social skills in a loving and emotionally warm environment and corporal punishment is the ultimate deterrent and is not used in anger.Yes some Families use time out,grounding,naughty steps or confiscating the mobile phone but they may use shaming,humiliation,scolding,shouting etc and it results in low esteem as is the European experience.Finally many SE Asian nations have corporal punishment at home and in school and educationally they have left us behind!!

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

No

Please explain the reasons for your response

There is no need whatever to deliver this.

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?

We would have an even more indisciplined cohort of young people than we have now.

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?

I have already mentioned the problems in Scottish urban areas.

Speak to rank and file Police Officers as I have,to find out the hell this would create.

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

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Attacks on Police,Criminal Damage,vandalism,even more on drink and drugs,more attacks on Teachers.more arson,more attacks on ambulances 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)

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?

No

Page 15: General

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

This is all part of the Politically Correct Agenda and is dangerously simplistic.

The PC brigade will call smacking assault which is disengenuous then condemn smacking which is not assault.

Cases in Scotland of hitting children do make headlines as they are so rare.