

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

Fully opposed

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**Please explain the reasons for your response**

I believe a smack on the bum is acceptable. I know things have moved on but myself and siblings were as well as other relatives and did not cause us any harm. I have 2 children. I smack my eldest child on the bum if she really misbehaves and we still have a loving relationship

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

Unsure

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?

I don't see any advantage. Those parents who go beyond reasonable chastisement are still going to do that to their kids unfortunately.

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?

Having more control over your children's behaviour . Usually just a warning can nip any unruly behaviour quickly. This has to be done sometimes to get through to kids. I'm a parent who has a good relationship with my children and I should be able to decide how I bring them up and that includes smacking. This won't stop those parents that go beyond smacking.

## 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**

If all parents who smack children on their bum and no more were to be reported to police it would cause huge impact to police, social work and courts. Time and costs spent investigating this and reporting this would be ridiculous

## 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**

I think this would just impact on everyone no matter what group you are in.

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

**Please explain the reasons for your response:**

As previously stated re money and time used for smacking a child that you are bringing up.

## Page 15: General

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

I really think this is completely unfair on those families that smack their children on their bum to help when behaviour is bad.

As said before parents who go beyond this will still do it as often behind closed doors.

I don't think smacking should be banned but better education for parents on what is reasonable ie smack to bum not to head not using any item to smack or hit.