

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

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Please explain the reasons for your response

I would be more in agreement with the ban on physical punishment now that I have children than when I didn't. However I'm not sure that in SOME cases for SOME children it is a necessary form of discipline. I think the problem lies not with whether it is used but how it is used and by whom.

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

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response

I don't really understand the question

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'm not sure it would change much. Those who are appropriately physically punished are unlikely to see it as a problem and those who the bill might protect are likely to be physically punished whether there is a bill in place or not

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?

Criminalises people who are perhaps using appropriate physical punishment and probably won't make any difference to those who are using it inappropriately. I think it's not about banning one thing but changing culture so parents have alternative ways of teaching and disciplining their child. A non physical form of discipline could be more damaging than a physical form if used wrongly. It's about education not a ban on one thing

Page 11: Financial implications

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

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response

I don't really understand what the cost implications would be other than people having to go to court and be fined. But I can't comment on cost benefit analysis for this as I really don't know

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

More likely the answer is positive for some and negative for others

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

I'm unsure

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?

No Response