

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

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?

Please explain the reasons for your response

This is a disgraceful invasion of family privacy in the mould of the heinous Named Person scheme. To suggest that spanking a child should be made illegal because it's tantamount to abuse is a disgusting and vile lie that has absolutely no genuine scientific evidence to support it.

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

It's utterly pointless. Just drop it and let people get on with their lives.

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?

There would no advantage whatsoever.

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?

It's an invasion of family life
It prevents parents punishing their children in the manner they see fit
It allows the government to dictate which forms of parenting are acceptable and which are not acceptable
It will create enormous distrust between parents and caregivers
It will create enormous distrust between parents and health professionals
It will create enormous distrust between parents and the the police force
It will create enormous distrust between parents and elected officials
It will create a culture of fear, wherein parents are afraid to raise children in their own way
It will create further subservience to elected officials and the idea of government itself (which I suspect is the entire point)
It is a complete breach of everything a free and democratic state is meant to stand for

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

There are no financial implications that I can see. The human cost however is enormous.

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?

Negative

Please explain the reasons for your response

The impact on these groups will be enormous and negative in every conceivable way

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

No. Once the government are in your living room there is no way back.

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:

It will be a train wreck, much like the now disgraced Named Person scheme and the Offensive Behaviour at Football Act. This proposal - like the ones just mentioned - is just another form of thought and behaviour control. The government have absolutely no legal or moral right to tell people what they should say, think and how they raise their children. Get out of our lives and stop trying to force your agenda on everyone.

Page 15: General

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

Drop this right now. You have no authority both morally or legally to act in this manner. Learn the lessons of the SNP's Football Act and Named Person scheme and just leave people and their families alone.