

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

I am writing to tell you how I strongly agree with how it is OK for a parent to smack a child. Firstly, I believe that a parent would be fine if he/she hit her child over being naughty or with safety rules. This is because the slapping shows the child that he/she shouldn't do it again. Also I approve of it being a safety manor such as touching hot things, electricity hazards or pinching hazards. Of course the adult should not hit the child in painful places such as the head or chest. In addition, the adult shouldn't be allowed any objects to hit the child with. This could conclude into painful injuries or bruises. But surely the adult would be allowed to hit the child on the arm or leg. You wouldn't like if if your parent/guardian hit you in other places as a child. But obviously the parent wouldn't harm the child continuously. Finally, it goes without saying that in my opinion that the adult wouldn't be allowed to hurt the child numerous times. If you asked me, I wouldn't like it myself to be hurt many times for just one reason. And that goes to say that if the child does something wrong or dangerous the adult should finish it with a slap without any dangerous items or weaponry to show that the child should not do the act again.

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

No Response

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?

No Response

Page 11: Financial implications

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

No Response

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?

No Response

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 Response

Page 15: General

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

No Response