

Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill

Page 2: About you

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an individual

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Member of the public

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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

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

Corporal punishment, correctly used, without malice, is a necessary part of child training and must not be conflated with violence or assault. The use of physical punishment is a principle found in the Bible. For example, Proverbs 29:15 says, "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame".

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?

None. The result will be more unruly young people growing up in Scotland, increasing crime rates. Failure to check bad behaviour when the child is young, will lead to that behaviour manifesting itself in more disruptive ways later in life.

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?

Please see previous answer

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

Over time, policing costs will rise as a result of indisciplined young people growing up and entering society.

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?

Please explain the reasons for your response

It will have a negative impact on younger Christians, who will be targeted for attempting to raise their children in a Biblical way.

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 stated in previous answers. The full extent of the social impact will be found once the children of today grow up.

Page 15: General

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

No Response