

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 am content for this response to be attributed to me or my organisation

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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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 Supportive

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

Weans learn best when they are free of fear. Hitting weans makes them fearful. Providing a culture which expects adults to find other ways to deal with difficult behaviour of weans not only frees the weans from fear but releases adults from this blunt, narrow attitude. You reap what you sow. Let's sow better.

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

Please explain the reasons for your response

This question's a bit narrow and the options above do not offer me a choice. You ask a question and then narrowly qualify it. I wish someone had edited these question to eliminate such a position. The aims of the proposal can be better delivered by BOTH a bill in the Scottish Parliament but also but having debates on TV, radio, through social media and allowing all members of the public to honestly discuss this issue.

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?

So they can live without the fear of being hit or battered. It is self-evident.

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?

So weans don't live in fear and so they will be less likely to hit or batter their own weans.

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

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?

Unsure

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

No way of knowing this.

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

Please explain the reasons for your response:

No way of knowing this.

Page 15: General

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

No.