

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

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Please explain the reasons for your response

I feel that there is a strong difference between harming and hurting, with a decline of school discipline and youth respect to society being in part to public smacking being blocked already. Used in conjunction with other discipline methods helps establish a healthy individual without mollycoddling the next generation, the real world has consequences so education when bring raised needs to include smacking in my opinion

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

Unsure

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?

It would enable prosecution for those who purposely harm their children but I suspect other laws would anyway so unsure

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 transfers more power from the parents to the state again, in the space of half a generation fully removing parental right to raise their children as they were raised, to no consequence that you could say or show that they suffered

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

All new bills do and increased policing costs

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

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Impacts on religious groups who believe in smacking, no negative impact to any others

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

Yes, don't enact the bill

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:

New Bill being over zealously enforced to show need of newly implemented Bill terrorising parents and social guardians ie youth workers who might witness

Page 15: General

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

Why is there such a focus in Scotland of removing parental responsibility to state controlled monitoring and policing if children? Very scary times