

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

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

Please explain the reasons for your response

It would appear to me to be basic and fundamental human right to be protected from assault, and one that should be afforded to all members of our society. Indeed, Article 7 of the Universal Declaration of Human rights states, "All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law".

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

The Bill seems a sensible way to deliver the rights

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?

The main advantage would be protecting children from being assaulted, it would also raise awareness of assault in the wider community.

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?

I do not think there are any disadvantages

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

The core reason for the bill is protection, even if there is a increased cost that should not derail the bill.

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?

Positive

Please explain the reasons for your response

It will help protect children (age).

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

I cannot see where the bill would impact on negatively on any of these groups

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?

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response:

The Bill extends an existing fundamental right, it should not have a disproportionate impact on the economic, social or environmental fabric of Scotland

Page 15: General

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

Only to reiterate my support for the Bill. I think it will not only protect children in Scotland, but encourage other countries to do the same.