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Dear Mr Finnie,

I am grateful to you for being an MSP.

Concerning your Private members bill re Smacking I make the following comments.....

The thought that caring parents could be made into criminals /offenders in just a short time drains my spirit .The foolishness of taking time and skills away from real issues beggers belief.

Question four seriously undermines the freedom of families in our country.Children are not adults.A smack can't be called assault.

Question Nine ...Smacking is a reasonable discipline.I refer you to the polls of 2014.

I say that the state must not be allowed to intrude into family life..

I quote that Sweden who banned smacking in 1979 has experienced an increase in child abuse ever since.

I sincerely hope you withdraw you private members bill.

Yours most sincerely

Jim Walsham