

# **An early experiment in child impact assessment**

## **The authors' brief:**

- Are there any effects of the Bill that are special to children?
- To what extent is the Bill likely to promote or inhibit implementation of international treaties?
- To what extent does the Bill contribute to Government goals for children?
- Are there any differences of opinion on the likely impact on children?

## **Hindsight revisions to the brief**

- Are there any recommendations to remedy problems or omissions identified by the CRIA?
- Were there gaps in the information needed to undertake the CRIA?
- What is known about the views of children affected by Bill?
- How should the Bill's implementation be monitored and evaluated?

## Some things missed:

- Does the CRIA suggest how the feasibility of its recommended remedies might be tested?
- What are the financial implications of the remedy?
- How does the CRIA relate to other impact assessments?
- Does the Bill affect different groups of children differently?
- Is there political commitment to implement children's rights in the Bill?
- Are sufficient resources available to implement the Bill?
- Has the proposal been assessed against all articles of the CRC?
- Is there an agreed definition of core terms?
- Is the CRIA based on both qualitative and quantitative information?
- Does the CRIA identify both short-term and long-term impacts?
- Does the CRIA justify its definition of "children's best interests"?
- Has the CRIA process promoted children's participation in policy formation?