

# Proposed Sanitary Products (Free Provision) (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 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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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 proposed Bill?

Fully opposed

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

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I one to to this because being in work I will not benefit and yet will pay more income tax to help pay for it, surely everyone should get them free just like drug addicts get free methodone

## Page 8: Universal provision of sanitary products

Q2. Do you think a universal, card-based system (modelled on the c-card system for free condoms) would be an effective means of providing sanitary products for free to those who need them?

Unsure

Q3. Which of the following best expresses your view in relation to a card-based system?

The card should be available to anyone; card-holders should have unlimited access to free sanitary products

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

Again if it is going to be implemented then everyone should benefit after all it is those in work who are being taxed more for services and if drug addicts get free methodone ...

Q4. Do you have a view on which locations would be most suitable for dispensing free sanitary products (e.g. GP surgeries, pharmacies, community centres, health clinics)?

Pharmacy but only if everyone and not just those on benefits get them free

## Page 11: Schools, colleges and universities

Q5. Do you agree that there should be specific obligations on schools, colleges and universities to make sanitary products available for free (via dispensers in toilets)?

No

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Again why should those in schools benefits get for free

## Page 12: Personal experience (questions 6 and 7 are for individual respondents only)

Q6. Have you ever struggled to access or afford sanitary products during menstruation? (e.g. financial barriers, unexpected circumstances, health issues)

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Yes, occasionally

**Please explain or give an example of your experience if you feel able to do so.**

No money.

Q7. If sanitary products were available for free, which of the following would apply to you?

I would expect to claim free products regularly

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Again I'm in work and paying more in tax so should be entitled as I'm paying for it as well as paying for free methodone for drug addicts

## Page 14: Financial implications

Q8. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have on:

	Significant increase in cost	Some increase in cost	Broadly cost-neutral	Some reduction in cost	Significant reduction in cost	Unsure
<b>(a) Government and the public sector (e.g. local authorities, the NHS)</b>	X					
<b>(b) Colleges and universities</b>	X					
<b>(c) Businesses (including suppliers/retailers of sanitary products)</b>	X					
<b>(d) Individuals (including consumers of sanitary products)</b>	X					

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Again someone has to pay and it is those in work who lose out

Q9. Are there ways in which the Bill could achieve its aim more cost-effectively (e.g. by reducing costs or increasing savings)?

Yes do not go ahead with it at all

## Page 16: Equalities

Q10. What overall impact is the proposed Bill likely to have on equality, taking account of the following protected characteristics (under the Equality Act 2010): age, disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief, sex, sexual orientation?

Negative

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Again it will penalise those in work creating a them and us (benefit scrounger vs worker) scenario so if it is to be implemented everyone should get the same otherwise you by the very action are complicit in creating inequality

Q11. In what ways could any negative impact of the proposed Bill on equality be minimised or avoided?

Give products to everyone not just schools or those on benefits

## Page 18: Sustainability

Q12. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably i.e. without having likely future disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impacts?

Yes

**Please explain the reasons for your response:**

Cutting money from other less important budgets like Gaelic for example

## Page 19: General

Q13. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal?

Yes, I wish to know why the proposed proposals are not being implemented for all the women of Scotland as I said those in work are being asked to pay more to provide services so they should get some of the benefits of said services