

# 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.

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

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Fully opposed

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

This is a ridiculous proposal. There is no such thing as period poverty. Sanitary products cost pennies - no one in Scotland is in poverty as a result of having to buy sanitary products. This is unnecessary and makes an absolute mockery of real issues people face. It is farcical that a politician should propose this bill and claim that there is such a thing as period poverty. What next, razor blade poverty?

## 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?

No

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

This is a ridiculous proposal and an unnecessary waste of resources.

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

There is no need for a card scheme

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)?

They are already readily available in supermarkets and shops, just like other essential toiletries.

When is this MSP going to combat razor blade poverty?

## 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**

Please refer to previous answers.

## 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)

No

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

Of course not - they cost pennies. How can anyone struggle to afford them? It is ridiculous to suggest that. This politician really needs to get a grip.

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**

If it's available for free then of course people will jump on the bandwagon and expect to get them for free. A total and complete waste of resources to fund this ridiculous scheme.

## 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
(a) Government and the public sector (e.g. local authorities, the NHS)	X					
(b) Colleges and universities	X					
(c) Businesses (including suppliers/retailers of sanitary products)	X					
(d) Individuals (including consumers of sanitary products)	X					

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

This won't be cheap to implement. It's costly and unnecessary.

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

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Ditch the bill and use common sense.

## 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**

This bill unfairly prejudices men by failing to address razor blade poverty.

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

Scrap the bill and hold this MSP to account for lacking common sense and pushing forward an unpopular scheme which the general public deem is unnecessary and ridiculous.

## 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?

No

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

Of course not. Costly and unnecessary.

## Page 19: General

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

Scrap this bill and focus on real issues which affect people!

What next... razor blade poverty? Fruit poverty? This MSP needs to address her own brain cell poverty as she is clearly lacking in some.