

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

Please explain the reasons for your response

"Equality for All" is what Scottish Labour stands for. Its bad enough paying for tampons but putting VAT on

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them is disgusting. I thought we had left the Victorian times behind when the suffragettes forced Parliament to give them the vote, but alas, Not. Women are still discriminated by Parliaments throughout the UK. m

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?

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response

I would make them available on prescription because we in Scotland don't pay for prescriptions. m

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

The card should be available to anyone; its use should be restricted (e.g. by limiting the number of products that may be claimed each month)

Please explain the reasons for your response.

Human beings are Emotional Animals and act Emotionally. Their first rule is self-preservation which means our desire for money is in our DNA. That's why we want as much as physically possible and keep wanting more all throughout our life. If you allow unlimited quantity, then all that will happen is this: - Women and even men (if allowed) will collect as many as possible and begin to sell them on Ebay or at car boot sales. That's why a Country needs a Government to Govern. One can only Govern by enforcing Regulations which gives the Government Control. m

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)?

That's obvious, where do they get them from now?
Answer:- Chemists

Leonardo Da Vinci :- Simplicity is the ultimate Sophistication
m

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)?

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response

Children might be vulnerable and naïve. But in poor areas, they will probably be raided each day and then sold

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for money, so I believe they need to be regulated no matter where one puts them. Guidance teacher or nurse should hand them out and keep a record of it. m

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.

I am a man.

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

Not applicable: I do not need or use sanitary products

Please explain the reasons for your response

I am a man but if I could get an unlimited free supply then I may go into business selling them on. Very profitable business it would become. m

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	

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

Please explain the reasons for your response

We would supply the cheap type which would increase the company's supply. Expensive type would suffer if everybody moves over to the free type.

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

Yes cancel the Bill or buy a sanitary company.

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?

Positive

Please explain the reasons for your response

Women are still not treated equally in Scotland which your fantastic Bill is addressing.

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

By Regulation, no regulation and people will take advantage of it, ***. The free places will be emptied on the first day and the proposer will look stupid.

No, you need Strick Control at the start to see how it pans out.

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?

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response:

Only if there is strict Control. The moment a human sees the work "Free" it automatically increases ones Dopamine level.

Page 19: General

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

Why is it not amended to the free Prescriptions Bill?

I thought that would be the simplest way to provide them.

Anything else and one may open a can of worms.

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