

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

It's a waste of money. Don't believe there's such a thing as 'period poverty' you can buy a box of own brand

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liners for less than 20p in supermarkets but I bet it will be expensive items used. Loo roll is free and does a perfectly good job if you're caught out. This is nothing more than a pr exercise.

## 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**

It's a nonsense!

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

There is no need for a card scheme

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

Same as before. I don't think it's necessary.

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)?

*No Response*

## 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**

I think it's a waste of time and money.

## 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.**  
17p for a box of pads from Tesco/Sainsbury's.

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

I would not expect to claim free products

**Please explain the reasons for your response**  
I have a contraceptive implant and haven't had a period since.

## 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**

Businesses producing the items will get paid without having to spend on advertising. It will cost the economy. Instead of making or friendly wasteful 'free treats' like tampons and baby boxes why not reduce tax on the poor in work so we can work less/have more disposable income and make living frugally actually pay.

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

Let people get their own sanitary products. Where will it end? Are you going to give men free razors?

## 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**

It's sexist. What are men and trans women getting for free?

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

Don't do it. Let people keep their hard earned cash to spend as they see fit instead of taxing them and coming up with these hairbrained schemes for spending it on things you think will give good press and win the popular vote. Typical snp come up with an idea you've decided among yourselves will be popular and bang on with it regardless even when you're told people aren't interested.

## 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:**

You're going to create a wasteful surplus. People were managing fine before.

## Page 19: General

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

Women and girls will use more products because they're free which will be bad for the environment.