

Proposed Sanitary Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill

Page 2: About you

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

Fully opposed

Please explain the reasons for your response

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This bill makes a mockery of our political system in Scotland - has it really been reduced to the level of badgering on about 'period poverty'..? There is no such thing in Scotland, the UK or anywhere. No one is either in or at risk of falling into poverty as a result of menstrual cycles - where on earth has this suddenly come from?! This MSP is completely out of touch with society by proposing such a ludicrous bill.

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

There is no real need for this system - it is a complete nonsense and 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

Please explain the reasons for your response.

See previous comments.

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)?

None! They are already readily available in all supermarkets etc.

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

Hell no!

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 do not cost much - less than the price of a bottle of water in some cases. Why on earth this is being put forward by a MSP is beyond belief.

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 this ridiculous scheme is rolled out then of course everyone should take full advantage, ride the gravy train and never pay for sanitary products again. Can this MSP next propose a 'razor blade poverty' scheme please so everyone can benefit from free razors?

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

A complete nonsense proposal and waste of resources.

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

Stop this madness.

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 does not promote equality - it actually promotes inequality by proposing to provide all women with free access to these products whilst failing to provide men access to sanitary products they might require such as razor blades, shaving cream etc.

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

Stop this proposal now - nobody wants it.

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 - it will come at a significant cost.

Page 19: General

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

Please for the sake of the right-minded people stop this madness and do away with this ridiculous proposal and please do some real work on real issues.