

# 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 am content for this response to be attributed to me or my organisation

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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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 am totally opposed first it is not means tested so everyone can really have a freebie. it is not life threatening and really with all the other priorities have we lost no sense on that and if we allow this to happen then money will have to come from somewhere else and be cut surely care of the elderly the disgrace of old people freezing to death in scotland and yes it does happen every year and will continue. I could go on and on if there was a priority list out of 100 i am sure it would be 99 i think it is a disgrace and even more so a elected representative is spending time on it surely not enough work to do. It is a national disgrace and embarrassing. How many women have died because the did not have a sanitary product ah well more for drink and drinks and mobile phones and holiday. Why not next issue free condoms for all ages.

## 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

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

no explanation given as everyone i assume is aware of a c-card system if it is means tested and not just free for students etc then it sounds okay otherwise i will say no

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

The card should be available only to those on low incomes or in receipt of benefits; 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.**

yes if not then people will get the unlimited and sell them half price to those that pay getting more money this should not be a free for all and how much would all these suggestions cost. i remember free tins of beef and butter and those were selling for 20p a can \*\*\*

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)?

Health centres strictly controlled

## 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**

tuition is free in scotland why would they need them not really seen a poor desperate student yet have you

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)?

giving it to people just because they are in education i am a taxpayer and i strongly object to that

## 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

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 is for free i would get them all the time that way i could buy more cigarettes or alcohol every little helps

## 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**

if its free i can spend the money on other things found money great giveaway

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

the best way is to stop it happening in the first place

you will also have to have thought of personal issues to stop fraud and unnecessary expense

what age will it start different for all females will it require a doctors certificate especially if it is getting dispensed from then it would be a likely choice

when women stop ovulating same again would not need them

sterilization no period who would you know again so far all these would be best by GP who will have this.

Database again GP to stop multiple claims and could be cross referenced with NHS card or insurance certificate.

confidentiality for religious or stop husbands knowing information and who can it be passed to as this is not a medical condition

Again these should be produced and in plain packaging saying it is used by the government( ie not for sale by any shops) to stop selling them on to shops and should in know way be sold by shops or anyone likely or who make a profit or can gain from it

## 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**

the fairness of it all and the priority given pensioners are dying people are in poverty and potential as I do see it as I nice thing to get but who pays we all do and i strongly object to my money being used in such a way without my say so I think it will also be a negative impact on the government for the above reason especially if they have to put taxes up and that is in there as money needed and would actually for the first time and continually vote Conservative and leave my party A squanderess waste of money no medical evidence there is and never have been a issue and money saved will go onto something else. whats next a free glass of wine every day as at least that has medical evidence it is good for you

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

Why should it be as i thought free speech and we need to be honest sounds like you are trying to avoid something you think will happen and will you need to look at this with priority in mind not s short term goody fix which eventually will have to be paid and something else cut SHAME ON YOU

And sorry surely that is your job to do so it is equally represented sounds like very much you want it one side

Finally you could like invent statics and be economical with the truth

Just Lie sorry I mentioned that above as you are getting better at that from help with your advisors

## 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:**

instead of females using environmental products and paying more they will be a vast increase as they will be free pollute the sae's and waterways and cause more blockages in our drains causing more work and charges to go up unless you give out only biodegradable product but we are back to cost but you will not do that

## Page 19: General

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

YES THERE HAVE BEEN SILLY BILLS BUT THIS ONE IS THE SILLIEST AND IS GOING TO COST TAXPAYERS AND WILL BE EASILY DEFRAUDED AND MONEY DEPRIVED FROM THOSE IN NATIONAL HEALTH EDUCATION ETC AND MONICA SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF THAT CAN I ALSO ADD NO OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD HAS DONE THIS I WONDER WHY A COMPROMISE IS THERE NO VAT ON THESE PRODUCTS