

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

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

Please explain the reasons for your response

Nach eil e soilleir gu bheil seo na chùis a dh'adhbhraicheas air mnathan a dh'aindeoin cosnaidh? Agus mar sin

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposed Bill?

b' fheudar dha a bhith saoir an asgaidh don uile bean.

Is it not clear that this is a matter which impacts on all women irrespective of their income/employment? And so it must be free for all women.

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

Chan eil mi eòlach air mar a dh'obraicheas an siostam airson condomaichean.

I do not know how the system for condoms works.

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

Other (please specify)

Please explain the reasons for your response.

Chan eil mi cinnteach air an siostam as fheàrr do seo a dhèanamh. Cha b' fheudar do chuingealaichean a bhith ann, oir adhbhraichidh sin nàire.

I'm not sure which is the best system to accomplish this. There must be no restrictions, as this would cause people to be embarrassed.

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)?

A h-uile àite shuas (GP surgeries, pharmacies, community centres agus health clinics)

All of the above locations (GP surgeries, pharmacies, community centres and health clinics).

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)?

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response

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Chan eil mi cinnteach air "via dispensers in toilets", ach 's dòcha gum bu seo an rud as simplidhe.

I'm not sure about "via dispensers in toilets", but this might be the simplest way.

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)

Not applicable: I do not need or use sanitary products

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

'S e fir a th' annam.

I am a man.

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

Tha cosgais aig a h-uile nì, nach eil? Ach cha bhi i mòran. 'S dòcha gum bi cosgaisean a' lùghdachadh don fheadhainn ann am malairt. Agus don fheadhainn aig a bheil feum air seo bidh lùghdachadh brìgheil ann.

Everything has a cost, doesn't it? However, it will be minimal. There may be a 'cost' to retailers in terms of a reduction in income. And to those who need these products, it will be a substantial saving for them.

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

'S dòcha nam bitheadh Riaghaltas na h-Alba fhèin a' solarachadh an stuth, bhiodh cùisean nas saoire.

Perhaps if the Scottish Government itself was to provide the products, they would be cheaper.

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

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

Chan fhaic mi gum bi "negative impact on equality"

I don't see that there would be a "negative impact on equality"

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?

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response:

Cha bhi mòran diofar do na thachras an-dràsta, ach bidh cùisean na bu chothromaiche

There will be little difference to the current situation, it will only result in greater equity and fairness.

Page 19: General

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

Nach eil

No