

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF POLITICIANS (IN THIS CASE, LABOUR) TRYING TO BUY FEMALE

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VOTES FOR A NON-ISSUE WHICH THEY HAVE EITHER INVENTED OR EXAGGERATED.. MANY SUPERMARKETS SELL PERFECTLY ADEQUATE SANITARY TOWELS FOR ABOUT 20P A PACKET. WOMEN CLAIMING TO HAVE THIS "PROBLEM" (THE EXISTENCE OF WHICH I WOULD DISPUTE) SHOULD BUDGET BETTER INSTEAD OF EXPECTING TO HAVE SUCH ITEMS PROVIDED FREE. IT WILL ALSO ENCOURAGE THE MANUFACTURERS TO INFLATE THEIR PRICES. THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARIANS NEED TO TAKE SOME CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS TO HELP EASE THE YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM, WHICH IS STARING US ALL IN THE FACE, INSTEAD OF WASTING TAXPAYERS' MONEY ON PROBLEMS WHICH, IF THEY EXIST TO MARGINAL EXTENT, ARE COMPLETELY UNREPRESENTATIVE OF THE SERIOUS SOCIO-ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES WHICH SCOTLAND FACES

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

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

There is no need for a card scheme

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)?

UNNECESSARY. THE HEALTH SERVICE HAS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO DO AS IT IS

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

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)

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No

Please explain or give an example of your experience if you feel able to do so.

I BOUGHT THEM MYSELF THEY WERE LESS THAN 20P A PACKET

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

I would not expect to claim free products

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)						
(d) Individuals (including consumers of sanitary products)						

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

IF IT HAS TO BE AT ALL IT SHOULD BE THE CHEAPEST AVAILABLE IE THOSE AT ABOUT 20P A PACKET WHICH ARE PERFECTLY ADEQUATE

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?

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Negative

Please explain the reasons for your response

DESPITE ALL THE NOISE FROM THE FEMINISTS,(AND I AM A WOMAN) , MEN ARE INCREASINGLY FINANCIALLY DISADVANTAGED IN SCOTLAND, THIS WILL EXACERBATE IT BECAUSE THERE WILL SIMPLY BE LESS MONEY AVAILABLE FOR OTHER HEALTH RELATED THINGS WHICH BENEFIT ALL, NOT 1 SECTION OF SOCIETY

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

ONLY PROVIDE THE CHEAPEST AVAILABLE

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

Page 19: General

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

No Response