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1. The Report recommends a centralised, operational model for Ireland. Do you agree with this recommendation?

Yes.

2. If not, do you favour a: a) decentralised / financial DRS; or, b) hybrid.

N/A

3. Are there other models you believe could work in an Irish context?

No, a centralised model will work best.

4. What role should waste collectors play in the operation of a DRS?

Transportation possibly.

5. The DRS study proposes a deposit per container of €0.20. Do you think this is appropriate? If not should it be higher or lower or should different deposit rates apply depending on container size?

I would consider this low, I'd say 30-40c for a container over a litre. However, it may be easier to introduce at 20c to start with.

6. Consumers need to know about a DRS long before it becomes operational – do you have any suggestions as to how best the introduction of a DRS can be communicated to the public?

Keep clear messaging. One deposit cost no matter the size of container. It's a deposit - you'll get it back. Make sure returns can be done at shops across the country. This will be a difficult one, people will complain bitterly. But it just needs to be done, simple as that. We need to start treating waste better in Ireland.

7. What enforcement measures should be considered in parallel with the introduction of a DRS?

Better enforcement of littering fines. Ensure retailers are applying the deposit - look at the rule breaking around the sugar tax where sugared drinks still cost the same for an identical product as the non-sugared drink in many retailers.

8. How should cross-border issues be treated to ensure producers are not at a competitive disadvantage relative to producers in Northern Ireland?

This is not a big issue. It's a deposit. The Netherlands deals with this issue and it has land borders with multiple other countries with differing rules on deposits.

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