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- fully agree with proposed centralised scheme;
- government/department oversight seems prudent and the form of their annual reporting responsibility is welcome;
- the role of waste collectors seem important - requires insight on the recycling of plastic from homes in other countries where there is a DRS - waste collection industry already a lucrative and completely unpoliced industry - I would urge there to be no monetary incentive for that industry, but a statutory requirement on waste collectors to 'feed' into the DRS model as part of their licencing permissions - you might have the availability of internal legal expertise on this area ...is it not the case that, it is not anti-competitive if the whole industry is doing it!
- deposit too low at 20 cent ! - bottles will not be returned ("it's only 20cent") - it should operate on a scale, e.g. 20/25 cent for 500ml, 40 cent for 750ml, 50 cent for 1/2litre, etc.
- this is similar to Germany where it works well;
- education - school, TV/radio/Instagram campaigns, consider using eco-conscious young influencers on a non-paid basis, consider partnering with environmental NGOs, tender for extremal NGOs to bring their experience into the market ;
- enforcement is important - in theory, fines system for producer-members of the scheme who breach it, and criminal prosecution for non-members who do not recycle, etc. Just an idea - your paper is non-informing on this issue and how can we contribute from scratch?
- equally important is guarantee from the producers that the plastic is being recycled, I don't see this in the document, I don't know enough about the area but it's regularly in the papers about rogue "waste collectors" dumping on lands, etc - and, thus the question is worth asking? Even where there is monetary incentive to recycle, some times it is irrelevant and even whole industries or swathes of them ignore the right and arguably easy thing to do. This area must be tackled or DRS is being built on top of a house of cards.
- also, it is not silly to ask the Minister to ensure that the plastic is not being sent to countries where it ends up in the oceans - I'm not in this industry, and it seems like a valid question, given all we know and can no longer seek to ignore by turning a blind eye;
- cross border issues, I dont think department has to handle this ... It may no longer be a single market in the future, but it is a free market. The Irish state handed over waste collection to the capitalist free market and the market players have done very well out of that so when it comes to finally taking steps to improve out

environment and our ailing planet - we produce 2 billion metric tonnes of waste annually and IF PLASTIC CONTINUES POLLUTING OUR OCEANS AT THE CURRENT RATE, THERE'LL BE MORE PLASTIC THAN FISH IN THE OCEANS BY 2050 - the Government has no place in lining the pockets of or helping the very industry that HAS FAILED the DCCAIE intends to subsidise or hold their hand in anyway, well God help us all, Green Minister or not.

Many thanks!

rgds,