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Hi there,

I would like to start off by saying that I am 100% in favour of a deposit return scheme. I do however think that it should have been introduced many years ago and it is quite a shame that it wasn't. Sweden introduced such a scheme in 1884 and Germany has had a deposit return scheme in place since 2003...Ireland is very much behind in this regard.

Please see my answers below inline, I would greatly appreciate if my answers are taken into consideration.

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

YES

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

I believe we should follow models that are tried and tested by our EU neighbors such as Germany and Sweden

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

I believe the collection of recycling bins should be included in the deposit return scheme. I believe a household should receive €3 per recycling bin collected for example. Waste collectors should be incentivised to collect recycled waste and drop it off at recycling facilities.

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 believe €0.20 should be the minimum rate for aluminium cans. I believe glass bottles should also be included at €0.20. It is of higher importance that we remove plastic from our environment. As such I believe plastic bottles should be €0.30 for a 500ml bottle, €0.40 for a 1l bottle and €0.50 for a 2l bottle or greater.

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?

I think the best way for it to be communicated to the public would be to target all age groups. This would mean advertising on TV and on social media. Platforms such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter would target a younger audience. If TV shows such as The late late show, prime time, nationwide etc were to include an example of the scheme in operation I believe that would also work.

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

The scheme would need to be monitored so that individuals do not abuse the system. Cash is not traceable so I do not believe that a refund of cash is the right way to proceed...I believe the deposit

should be refunded to a debit card which you scan when depositing the waste. If there is individuals who have been refunded extortionate amounts of money they can then be traced and investigated.

Kind Regards,

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