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Consultation questions: •

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

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

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

What role should waste collectors play in the operation of a DRS? • **House collection of DRS would certainly make it easier for consumers but how deposits would be returned would need to be worked out.**

The DRS study proposes a deposit per container of €0.20. Do you think this is appropriate? **Yes I think that would be fair and a good incentive.**

If not should it be higher or lower or should different deposit rates apply depending on container size? • **If deposit rates went by size of containers that would work for hospitality such as pubs and restaurants and hotels. So that may need to be considered. But for individuals, a €0.20 rate would be good.**

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? • **A number of platforms could be used to communicate to the general public.**

1. **I think Tidy Towns as would be one organisation that would be very supportive, as it will undoubtedly reduce waste and benefit the environment. One of the main challenges for Tidy Towns groups is littering and dumping.**
2. **Schools and the Green School Initiative would also be a good means of communicating the message. Young people are deeply concerned about the environment.**
3. **Obviously retain outlets and other stakeholders would also advertise the DRS.**

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

**Enforcement is challenging, and at present even dumping penalties are not enforced, I think the carrot rather than stick approach is the best way to change habits. A strengthening of dumping and littering enforcement though would be a start.**

How should cross-border issues be treated to ensure producers are not at a competitive disadvantage relative to producers in Northern Ireland? **The best way to avoid competition across the border would be to have an all Ireland policy.**

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