

## Response ID ANON-MU7C-5V4Q-C

Submitted to Period Products (Free Provision) Bill - Call for Views  
Submitted on 2021-12-27 19:33:14

### Introduction

1 How would you like your response to be published? (Please note: this question requires a response)

I would like my response to be published

2 Are you content that any of your suggestions which have been published to the Committee or the Assembly may inspire the text of an amendment?

Yes

3 What is your name? (Please note: this question requires a response)

Name:  
Caroline Hamilton

4 What is your email address?

Email:  
[REDACTED]

5 Please indicate if you are providing a submission:

As an individual

If on behalf of an organisation or business, please state its name::

And please tell us briefly how the organisation or business relates to the subject matter of the Bill::

### Clause 1: Provision of free period products: Department scheme

6 Do you agree with the proposed duty described in Clause 1?

Do you agree/disagree with proposed duty in Clause 1:  
Disagree

7 Do you think the duty takes account of all necessary factors e.g. dignity, accessibility, choice, differently able people, travel arrangements, consultation and advertisement of arrangements for provision of period products?

Do you agree/disagree with proposed duty in Clause 1:  
Agree

8 Would you add, detract from or otherwise amend any element of Clause 1?

Yes

If yes, what amendment would you make? :

In my opinion the availability of period products to all is not the issue. The issue is that companies manufacturing these products are profiteering. If Tesco can make a packet of sanitary towels and sell them at a profit for 2p each then why aren't all similar products similarly priced? Government should not be paying for these items. Pressure needs to be put on the manufacturers to drastically reduce their prices. Some investigative journalism into the profits these companies are making on the back of all women wouldn't come amiss. Period products can and should be MADE affordably.

### Clause 2: Provision of free period products: public service bodies

9 Do you agree with the proposed duty described in Clause 2?

Do you agree/disagree with proposed duty in Clause 2:  
Neither Agree or Disagree

10 Do you agree that the clause takes into account all necessary aspects of preparation to roll out the scheme, such as identification of relevant public service bodies; provision of free period products at each of their sites; provision only for use while on those premises; the ability for Departments to make regulations about these arrangements on a phased basis; and the ability for the Assembly to use affirmative procedure to give a relatively high level of scrutiny to these regulations?

Do you agree/disagree that the clause takes into account all necessary aspects of preparation:  
Neither Agree or Disagree

11 Would you add, detract from or otherwise amend any element of Clause 2?

No

If yes, what amendment would you make? :

Clause 3: Arrangements under sections 1 and 2: particular requirements

12 Do you agree that the principles set out in clause 3 – easy access, dignity, choice and publicised arrangements - are relevant and proportionate principles to underpin the implementation of this scheme?

Do you agree/disagree that principles set out in Clause 3 are relevant and proportionate?:  
Agree

13 Would you add, detract from or otherwise amend any element of Clause 3?

Yes

If yes, what amendment would you make? :

Whilst I disagree that period products should be free, I do agree that they should be easily and widely available in public places. Vending machines should charge minimal amounts for a limited range of inexpensive products. These items cost pennies to make. They do not need to be fancy, perfumed, packaged. Basic will do and should be available as described in Clause 3 but not free

Clause 4: Guidance

14 Do you agree that this clause will help co-ordinate implementation between Departments and Public Service Bodies?

Do you agree/disagree this clause will help co-ordinate implementation?:  
Disagree

15 Would you add, detract from or otherwise amend any element of Clause 4?

Yes

If yes, what amendment would you make? :

How much is all of this guidance and consultation going to cost? Why not just put that money into investigating profits made by sanitary wear companies?

Clause 5: Statement on Arrangements

16 Do you agree that Clause 5 would provide transparency as to how specified public service bodies are providing period products in the best interests of appropriate product users?

Do you agree/disagree Clause 5 would provide transparency:  
Neither Agree or Disagree

17 Would you add, detract from or otherwise amend any element of Clause 5?

If yes, what amendment would you make?:

Clause 6: Duty to Publish Information

18 Do you agree that this clause will make available timely, useful, information that will benefit persons obtaining free period products?

Do you agree/disagree with proposed duty in Clause 1:  
Disagree

19 Would you add, detract from or otherwise amend any element of Clause 6?

Yes

If yes, what amendment would you make? :

Massive waste of money.

Clause 7: Key Definitions

20 Do you agree with

Do you agree/disagree with proposed duty in Clause 1:

21 Do you agree that this Clause provides a comprehensive list of key definitions of terminology used throughout this Act?

Do you agree/disagree that Clause 7 provides a comprehensive list of key definitions of terminology:

22 Would you add, detract from or otherwise amend any element of Clause 7?

Not Answered

If yes, what amendment would you make? :

### Clause 8: Interpretation

23 Do you agree that this clause signposts the reader to accessible and standardised explanations of the legal terms used throughout the language of this Act?

Do you agree/disagree that this clause signposts the reader to accessible and standardised explanations:

Agree

24 Would you add, detract from or otherwise amend any element of Clause 8?

Not Answered

If yes, what amendment would you make? :

### Clause 9: Commencement

25 Do you agree that there should be two years to allow everyone to prepare for this new law?

Do you agree/disagree there should be two years to allow everyone to prepare:

Neither Agree or Disagree

### Clause 10: Short Title

26 Do you agree that when it becomes an Act, this should be called the "Period Products (Free Provision) Act (Northern Ireland) 2021"?

Not Answered

If no, what amendment would you propose and why?: