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Subject: Deposit-Return Letter

Hi Sarah,

We have just had confirmation that the letters will be going out to other nations ministers, hopefully early next week. I may be waiting a few days for a signed copy of the letter but our understanding is that the content hasn't changed from the below:

I am writing to highlight the feasibility study for a Deposit Return System for drinks containers published last week by Zero Waste Scotland.

I asked for this issue to be looked at because of the potential to cut litter and increase recycling volumes and quality with potential to stimulate domestic reprocessing.

The study models a potential system to assess the value of these and other factors together with the costs of such a system. The report and Zero Waste Scotland's summary is published at the following link, alongside a call for evidence to ensure we have access to the best information on these issues.

<http://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/DepositReturnSystems>

While this work is focused on Scotland, I am drawing it to your attention because of the potential for any deposit return system to be optimised by operating UK-wide. I will be looking at this over the coming months in the context of wider efforts to move towards a more circular economy, notably the forthcoming EU circular economy package and producer responsibility proposals. I invite you to do the same.

I know we promised to share this with you prior to your minister receiving it and so hope this is helpful. If there is anything else I can help with or if you have any questions on Deposit-Return then please do not hesitate to ask instead of waiting until our meeting in July.

I hope you have a nice weekend
David

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