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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for submitting the following Assembly Questions:

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the potential impacts of a bottle deposit return scheme in Wales?

Has the Welsh Government considered the impact of a 20p deposit on bottles and drinks cans, as has recently been introduced in Scotland?

When will the Welsh Government respond to the consultation on the introduction of a deposit return scheme?

With apologies for not meeting the original deadline, I am pleased to respond to your questions as follows. As the three questions were related to the same topic, I have combined the responses into one letter.

The Welsh Government has worked closely with the UK Government and other devolved administrations on the development of the joint consultation which considers the potential impacts of a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS). We have previously commissioned research into how we can apply an extended producer responsibility approach to address the problem of commonly littered food and drink containers, including a possible DRS, and we are currently conducting research jointly with Defra on public attitudes to a DRS.

The consultation on the DRS sought views on the optimum deposit level to incentivise the return of drinks containers.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The consultation closed on 13 May. We are considering the responses carefully and a summary of these will be published.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Hannah Blythyn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small mark at the end.

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