

Deputy Denis Naughten,  
Minister of Communication, Climate Action & Environment,  
29 - 31 Adelaide Road,  
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23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018

Our Ref: M 58200

Re: Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting of South Dublin County Council  
held on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

Dear Minister Naughten,

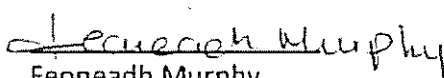
At the meeting of the Clondalkin Area Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, the following Motion was adopted and approved by the Members:

**"That the Area Committee agree that, in the interest of promoting the recycling of glass, South Dublin County Council should investigate the possibility of a bottle bank in North Clondalkin and bring a detailed report to the next ACM outlining possible locations of such and write to the Minister to consider the introduction of a National Recycling Deposit Scheme."**

I would be obliged for your comments and response as soon as possible to enable me to revert to the Committee.

When replying, please quote ref No. M58200

Yours sincerely,

  
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Dear Ms. Murphy,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the instigation of a “Deposit Scheme” for glass bottles, plastic bottles and cans.

The introduction of such a system has been looked at previously. In July 2014, the then Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government published a Review of the Producer Responsibility Initiative Model in Ireland. As part of this review, a wider examination of issues within the packaging sphere was undertaken and consideration was given to the introduction of a refundable deposit scheme for bottles and cans.

The review report did not recommend the introduction of a Deposit and Refund scheme and concluded that to establish such a scheme was inappropriate, in view of the operation of the existing packaging scheme (operated by Repak), and policies

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concerning household waste collection. It also pointed to the high administrative costs of introducing such a system.

However, notwithstanding the above recommendation, on foot of a private members bill introduced by Deputy Eamon Ryan in the Dáil recently, I have asked the Joint Committee on Communications, Climate Action and the Environment to look at the merits of a Deposit & Refund scheme at a national level and also to look at a broader range of initiatives that could tackle waste issues. I am awaiting the outcome of this before looking at any further steps to be taken on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

Denis Naughten, T.D.

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