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

What role should waste collectors play in the operation of a DRS? Unless the waste collectors are on a city council payroll they should have nothing to do with collecting. It shouldn't be a competitive thing, it should be a necessity that should be done as efficiently as possible.. to emphasise, i have seen several different dump trucks from several different companies doing the rounds of the same street collecting their own bins in the same week. That doesn't make sense so don't do it again.

The DRS study proposes a deposit per container of €0.20. Do you think this is appropriate? If not should it be higher or lower or should different deposit rates apply depending on container size? Different rates should probably apply to different materials and the size of receptacles. Look at the German model. Also this is something that can change in the future obviously so don't sweat too hard over it, just get it started!

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 few TV commercials and billboards should do the job, but probably not even necessary, this idea will spread very quickly as people will want their money back.

What enforcement measures should be considered in parallel with the introduction of a DRS? Lower tax on alcohol

How should cross-border issues be treated to ensure producers are not at a competitive disadvantage relative to producers in Northern Ireland? Lower tax on alcohol

