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RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM:  
A CONSULTATION ON THE SCHOOLS (NUTRITION AND HEALTH PROMOTION) (SCOTLAND) BILL

Please complete the details below and return it with your response. This will help ensure we handle your response appropriately. Thank you for your help.

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1. Are you responding: (please tick one box)

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Yes

No

## CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

1. Do you agree that local authorities should be under a duty to ensure that food and drinks which they provide in their schools, including nurseries, meet defined nutrient standards?

Yes  No

Comment (add separately if required)

2. Where children are attending independent schools, and where the provision of food and drinks are arranged or funded, by a local authority, should the food and drinks meet defined nutrient standards?

Yes  No

Comment (add separately if required)

3. Should local authorities be under a duty to promote uptake of school meals in their schools, including free school meals?

Yes  No

*Many of those entitled do not take up this provision.*

Comment (add separately if required)

4. Should local authorities be under a duty to ensure that those taking free school meals can do so anonymously, as far as is practicable?

Yes  No

*Much progress have already been made through 'cashless' catering.*

Comment (add separately if required)

5. Should local authorities have the power to provide children in local authority schools with free drinks, fruit, vegetables, bread or cereal based snacks, which meet defined nutrient standards?

Yes  No

Comment (add separately if required)



6. Should there be a duty on Scottish Ministers and local authorities to endeavour to ensure that all local authority schools are health promoting schools?

Yes  No

Comment (add separately if required)

7. Any other comments? (add separately if required)

The contents of the consultation paper concern me as to the lack of any information regarding the teaching of nutrition and healthy eating. This is a vital part of the school curriculum and provision of food in school should not be seen in isolation. The report also fails to note the importance of pupils taking part in practical food work in relation to nutrition and healthy eating. Home Economics staff in secondary schools already contribute a lot to 'Health Promoting Schools'. Rightly the document mentions 'Lets Make Scotland more Active' and states that there is to be further recruitment of Physical Education Teachers. The Scottish Executive require to address the problem that there continues to be a national shortage of teachers of Home Economics.

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