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**Doc 1 - E-mail between WG A Rees and Incpen rearranging meeting to discuss DRS**

**From:** Rees, Andy (NR - Environment-W&RE)  
**Sent:** 28 June 2017 08:44  
**To:** Name Redacted - INCPEN  
**Cc:** Name Redacted – WG official  
**Subject:** RE: Apologies: Rearrange our Meeting

Hi Name Redacted - INCPEN

I perfectly understand. I flew back from a two week holiday in Iceland on Monday, and I'm glad I didn't go straight to the Scottish EPR workshop, as we'd been invited.

This suits for me as I have been invited by the MRW Editor to attend the NRA event tonight and I've booked myself onto the 3.26pm train, so timings would have been tight for our 2pm meeting.

Did the Welsh approach come up at the Edinburgh workshop? My colleague

Name redacted – WG official

attended and she was primed to say something if asked.

Yes, good that Name redacted back.

I will possibly see you this evening. Or at the BPF event in London on Thursday if you're also attending that.

Best regards

Andy

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**From:** Name Redacted - INCPEN  
**Sent:** 28 June 2017 01:17  
**To:** Rees, Andy (NR - Environment-W&RE)  
**Cc:** Name Redacted – WG Official  
**Subject:** Apologies: Rearrange our Meeting

Hi Andy,

My apologies for sending an email after 1am in the morning. I've just this minute arrived home from Edinburgh after several hours of flight delay - and after two full-on days with the Scottish Gov't on EPR and DRS. (Very good to see Name redacted back, I have to say).

As I also have another very late night ahead of me on Wednesday in representing INCPEN at the National Recycling Awards, I felt it wise not to have to set off from Kent to Wales with just 4 hours sleep under my belt.

My apologies, therefore, for rearranging our discussion. May I drop you a line separately when my poor red eyes have recovered to suggest another date, please? We can also talk by phone in the meantime.

Yours with thanks **Name Redacted - INCPEN**

Sent from a mobile device

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**Doc 2 - LG/01209/17 - Request from Coca-Cola for WG endorsement of env. strategy - letter for response from Cabinet Secretary**

Lesley Griffiths AC/AM  
Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros yr Amgylchedd a Materion Gwledig  
Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs



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Name Redacted – Coca-cola

Name Redacted – Coca-cola

21 July 2017

Thank you for your e-mails of Wednesday 5 and Thursday 13 July regarding Coca-Cola Communication Strategy.

It is encouraging to know Coca-Cola is seeking to double the recycled content in its soft drinks bottles by 2020 and make its bottles 100% recyclable. I also note your company's aim to recover all of your packaging so none ends up as litter or in the oceans.

The waste plan for Wales, *Towards Zero Waste*, sets a 2050 goal of a one planet level of waste. To achieve this, targets are set for waste prevention, recycling, energy recovery and landfill which include around 65 per cent less waste (from a 2007 baseline), and as close to 100 per cent recycling and zero landfill as possible.

We are currently evaluating our waste strategy - the evaluation will identify opportunities for public and private sectors to maximise financial, social and environmental benefits as a result of adopting changes in practices under the banner of circular economy and resource efficiency. I intend to consult in 2018 on a refresh of the strategy.

We are in the process of commissioning a study to fully appraise the feasibility, including costs and benefits, of the options to increase recycling and reduce litter under an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) approach for Wales. The initial focus will be on food and drink related packaging waste, including potentially product take-back, deposit return schemes and reverse vending machine systems. Stakeholder engagement will form a key part of the study, to gain input, develop confidence and assess support for potential options. The outcomes of the study will inform the refresh of *Towards Zero Waste*.

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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.

I am happy to accept your request for a meeting. Please can you contact my Diary Secretary at [DS.CabSecEnvandRA@gov.wales](mailto:DS.CabSecEnvandRA@gov.wales) to make arrangements.

Regards  
Lesley Griffiths

**Lesley Griffiths AC/AM**

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros yr Amgylchedd a Materion Gwledig  
Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs

**Doc 3 - Email chain between WG and The Association of Convenience Stores (ACS) regarding WG  
EPR consultation and opportunity to contribute**

**From:** Name Redacted – The Association of Convenience Stores  
**Sent:** 31 July 2017 16:16  
**To:** Rees, Andy (NR - Environment-W&RE)  
**Cc:** Name Redacted – WG Official. Name Redacted – WG Official

**Subject:** RE: EPR  
Hi Andy,

Thanks for letting me know, we look forward to be contacted.

Best,

Name Redacted – The Association of Convenience Stores

**From:** [Andy.Rees@gov.wales](mailto:Andy.Rees@gov.wales) [mailto:[Andy.Rees@gov.wales](mailto:Andy.Rees@gov.wales)]  
**Sent:** 31 July 2017 16:02  
**To:** Name Redacted – The Association of Convenience Stores  
**Cc:** Name Redacted – WG Official. Name Redacted – WG Official.  
**Subject:** EPR

Hi Name Redacted – The Association of Convenience Stores

We have been out to tender and are about to appoint consultants to carry out the study. They will then start to engage with stakeholders, including yourselves.

Best regards

Andy

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**From:** Name Redacted – The Association of Convenience Stores  
**Sent:** 30 June 2017 10:53  
**To:** Rees, Andy (NR - Environment-W&RE)  
**Subject:** FW: Letter from Lesley Griffiths AM, Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs  
DC/LG/01386/16

Hi Andy,

I hope you are well? Just following up on the letter from the Cabinet Secretary to see if there was any update on the status of the research you are commissioning?

Is there still an opportunity for ACS and other interested parties to contribute to the framing of the research proposal or is it already in the field?

I also want to highlight that we completed our polling of retailers about DRS and that 71% said they would not have enough space in their stores. This is included in the attached briefing.

All the best,

**Name Redacted – The Association of Convenience Stores**

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**From:** DS Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs

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**Sent:** 30 June 2017 10:17

**To:** **Name Redacted – The Association of Convenience Stores**

**Cc:** DS Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs <[DS.CabSecEnvandRA@gov.wales](mailto:DS.CabSecEnvandRA@gov.wales)>

**Subject:** Letter from Lesley Griffiths AM, Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs  
DC/LG/01386/16

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from Lesley Griffiths AM, Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs for the attention of **Name Redacted – ACS**

Kind Regards,

**Name Redacted – WG Official.**

**Doc 4 - Email chain between WG (A Rees) and Coca-Cola regarding DRS and EPR and upcoming meeting with Lesley Griffiths**

**From:** Rees, Andy (ESNR - ERA - Water, Waste, Resource Efficiency & Flood)

**Sent:** 21 August 2017 14:09

**To:** **Name Redacted – WG Officials**

**Cc:** **Name Redacted – Coca-cola**

**Subject:** Welsh Review on EPR options & Coca Cola meeting with Lesley Griffiths

Hi **Name Redacted – Coca-cola**

Our Cabinet Secretary would most likely be interested to hear more about Coca Cola's sustainable packaging strategy, increasing recovery and recycling in Great Britain and Producer Responsibility. She may be interested to understand:

- The impact of Coca Cola in Wales
- Whether any of Coca Cola's products, components or packaging are sourced from, or manufactured in Wales (she covers food production as part of her portfolio)
- Coca Cola's intentions to increase packaging recovery and how that might look like on the ground in Wales
- Coca Cola's views on EPR and DRS
- Coca Cola's plans to increase recycled content in its packaging
- Whether or not Coca Cola has any plans to invest in trials for collections and recovery in Wales (eg. through reverse vending take back)
- Specific campaigns to encourage recycling and if there is anything happening in Wales which may be of interest – eg. Wales specific pilots or initiatives (perhaps working with the Recycle for Wales campaign)
- Coca Cola's involvement in Courtauld 2025.

**Name Redacted – WG Official** will be putting the briefing pack together for our Cabinet Secretary so she will most likely get in touch for some additional background material.

Best regards

Andy

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**From:** Name Redacted – Coca-cola

**Sent:** 21 August 2017 12:36

**To:** Rees, Andy (ESNR - ERA - Water, Waste, Resource Efficiency & Flood)

**Subject:** RE: Welsh Review on EPR options & meeting with Lesley Griffiths

Thanks for the update Andy. Clearly we'll be happy to give our views to the study when it gets going. Is there anything of particular interest that you would like us to prepare to discuss with Lesley Griffiths?

Thanks for the introduction on The Ministry of Furniture. I can't see any obvious opportunity for collaboration at the moment but I'll keep it in mind.

Name Redacted – Coca-cola



**From:** [Andy.Rees@gov.wales](mailto:Andy.Rees@gov.wales) [<mailto:Andy.Rees@gov.wales>]

**Sent:** 21 August 2017 12:01

**To:** Name Redacted – Coca-cola

**Cc:** Name Redacted – WG Official Name Redacted – WG Official

**Subject:** Welsh Review on EPR options & meeting with Lesley Griffiths

Hi Name Redacted – Coca-cola

I'm fine thanks and I hope you are too.

We have chosen the consultant following a tendering process and are in the process of agreeing the way forward with them. They will engage fully with key stakeholders and that will include communicating what the study will entail. Hopefully this will happen soon.

On a separate issue, I've been asked by the organisation to make you aware of the Wales based social enterprise who provide high quality remanufactured office furniture – The Ministry of Furniture (they have evolved from Remploy). They have recently helped kit out the new office of a major bank in London, I think (my brain can only remember so much these days!). You may recall a presentation from Orangebox (whose chairs are the ones remanufactured) at the recent Wales Policy Forum conference on waste in Cardiff. Anyway, there's a really good short video explaining their offer here – [www.ministryoffurniture.com/about-us/ministry-tv](http://www.ministryoffurniture.com/about-us/ministry-tv) . There are of course other organisations who can provide remanufactured office furniture...

Public Health Wales recently equipped their new office in Cardiff with 95% remanufactured furniture – a 4 page case study report highlighting the carbon savings is here:

[http://www.wrapcymru.org.uk/sites/files/wrap/Public%20Health%20Wales%20Sustainable%20Workplace%20\(4\).pdf](http://www.wrapcymru.org.uk/sites/files/wrap/Public%20Health%20Wales%20Sustainable%20Workplace%20(4).pdf)

Best regards

Andy

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**From:** Name Redacted – Coca-cola

**Sent:** 21 August 2017 11:41

**To:** Rees, Andy (ESNR - ERA - Water, Waste, Resource Efficiency & Flood)

**Subject:** Welsh Review on EPR options & meeting with Lesley Griffiths

Hello Andy,

I hope you are well. We have a meeting with Lesley Griffiths on Wednesday next week. It's only 30 minutes and it was set-up at her request following our sustainable packaging strategy launch last month.

In the letter Lesley Griffiths talks about the Welsh EPR review. Can you give any update? When we met at the beginning of last month you said you were close to announcing the consultants who would be carrying out the work. Has anything been announced (sorry if I've missed it!)

Thanks

Name Redacted – Coca-cola



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**Doc 5 - Email chain between A Rees and ACS regarding DRS query and Eunomia**

**From:** Name Redacted – ACS  
**Sent:** 29 September 2017 08:04  
**To:** Rees, Andy (ESNR - ERA - Water, Waste, Resource Efficiency &Flood)  
**Cc:** Name Redacted – WG Official Name Redacted – WG Official  
**Subject:** Re: DRS?

Hi Andy,

Many thanks for clarifying.

We look forward to speaking with Eunomia.

Best,

Name Redacted – ACS

Sent from my iPad

On 28 Sep 2017, at 18:28, "[Andy.Rees@gov.wales](mailto:Andy.Rees@gov.wales)" <[Andy.Rees@gov.wales](mailto:Andy.Rees@gov.wales)> wrote:

Hi Name Redacted – ACS

Nothing has changed. The study is on key types of food and drink packaging and Eunomia will shortly contact key stakeholders, including yourselves. It is intended for the study to inform any future consideration of packaging taxes.

Best regards

Andy

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**From:** Name Redacted – ACS  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:07:37 PM  
**To:** Rees, Andy (ESNR - ERA - Water, Waste, Resource Efficiency &Flood)  
**Subject:** DRS?  
Dear Andy,

I hope you are well? I have seen the Minister's comments today on DRS and want check if this represent a change in position from the government on DRS? I appreciate the Welsh Government was considering DRS anyway.

Would you also be able to share any information on the 'plastic tax' and who it would apply to?

Many thanks,

Name Redacted – ACS

Sent from my iPhone

**Doc 6 - Email chain between A Rees WG and WRC/BRC regarding DRS pilot, EPR study and plastic tax.**

**From:** Rees, Andy (ESNR - ERA - Water, Waste, Resource Efficiency & Flood)

**Sent:** 18 October 2017 17:27

**To:** Name Redacted – BRC

**Cc:** Name Redacted – WG Official Name Redacted – WG Official

**Subject:** RE: DRS

Hi Name Redacted – BRC

We are currently working on the basis that the development of a DRS pilot will be informed by the EPR study.

The outputs from the EPR study can also help inform any development of a Plastics Tax, should this be the proposed Tax that the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government decides to take to the UK Treasury early next year.

Best regards

Andy

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**From:** Name Redacted – BRC

**Sent:** 18 October 2017 16:54

**To:** Rees, Andy (ESNR - ERA - Water, Waste, Resource Efficiency & Flood)

**Subject:** RE: DRS

Hi Andy

Following the Minister's statement yesterday where she stated '*alongside that, I mentioned I was doing an extended producer responsibility study. So, that was part of the scheme but we are now going to have a pilot as part of the budget settlement*' – does this mean that beverage containers will be taken out of the EPR review and included as a separate piece under the 0.5m pilot agreed as part of the budget deal with Plaid Cymru?

Is this the same as what the thinking is behind the plastics tax or is this likely to be something different?

Kind regards

**Name Redacted – BRC**

**From:** [Andy.Rees@gov.wales](mailto:Andy.Rees@gov.wales) [mailto:Andy.Rees@gov.wales]

**Sent:** 11 October 2017 17:51

**To:** **Name Redacted – BRC**

**Cc:** **Name Redacted – WG Official** **Name Redacted – WG Official** **Name Redacted – WG Official**

**Name Redacted – WG Official**

**Subject:** Re: DRS

Hi **Name Redacted – BRC**

The development of a DRS pilot will be informed by the EPR study. Two stakeholder workshops are being held on 7/8 November, and you should soon receive an invite.

Disposable plastic taxes have received public and stakeholder support during the recent debate on possible new taxes for Wales, highlighted most recently by the Greenpeace campaign and petition to take action on plastic pollution. In respect of the new taxes debate in Wales, over 300 comments have been received, which included suggestions for over 60 different new taxes. Disposable plastic taxes in particular have received a significant amount of public and stakeholder endorsement including several Assembly Members and Ministers having expressed their support.

Our Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government has published a shortlist of possible new taxes and this included exploring options for a tax or levy on disposable plastic to meet environmental objectives. He will be confirming which tax to take to the UK Treasury early next year. It is likely that the majority of the policy development and further public debate around a new tax will take place after the tax has been agreed by the UK Treasury.

Recycling and waste reduction is an area where Wales has a reputation as an international leader - it is now the third best in the world after Germany and Taiwan. To build on this success, food and drink related packaging is currently being considered as part of an independent feasibility study on Extended Producer Responsibility, which may include disposable plastics. The study will also include deposit return schemes and other take-back and recycling schemes. The study is due to report early next year. Results of the research will be considered as part of the update of Wales' waste strategy 'Towards Zero Waste' which will be consulted on next year. It will also help to identify where policy interventions may be most effectively utilised to achieve waste reduction targets.

We are working closely with Welsh Treasury colleagues.

Best regards

Andy

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**From:** Name Redacted – BRC

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 8:29:26 PM

**To:** Rees, Andy (ESNR - ERA - Water, Waste, Resource Efficiency &Flood)

**Subject:** DRS

Hi Andy

Can you shed any light on the budget announcements regarding the £0.5m contribution to a feasibility study (would this be the wider study into EPR already committed to), and the tax on plastics that is one of the four possible new taxes that are being explored? Are they the same thing? If you've any further information you can share that would be very much appreciated.

Kind regards

Name Redacted – BRC



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**Doc 7 - Email chain A Rees WG response to WRC/BRC regarding single use plastic levy and DRS pilot discussed in plenary**

**From:** Rees, Andy (ESNR - ERA - Water, Waste, Resource Efficiency & Flood)

**Sent:** 11 January 2018 08:50

**To:** **Name Redacted – BRC**

**Cc:** **Name Redacted – WG Official** **Name Redacted – WG Official** **Name Redacted – WG Official**

**Subject:** Single use plastics levy

Hi **Name Redacted – BRC**

We are considering the implications of the vote, and are of course keeping a watching eye on what HMT are doing. The Cabinet Secretary for Finance will make an announcement on new taxes in due course.

Best regards

Andy

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**From:** **Name Redacted – BRC**

**Sent:** 10 January 2018 11:45

**To:** Rees, Andy (ESNR - ERA - Water, Waste, Resource Efficiency & Flood)

**Subject:** Single use plastics levy

Hi Andy

Did the Assembly commit to introduction of a single use levy during plenary yesterday, as opposed to a DRS pilot? There was a Plaid Cymru amendment which appeared to be supported:

Calls on the Welsh Government to introduce a levy on disposable single-use plastics to help ensure that Welsh seas are clean, healthy, safe, productive and biologically diverse.

Kind regards

**Name Redacted – BRC**