



Scotland's food system is facing many challenges.

More than a fifth of people in Scotland, including many in employment, have gone a day without eating because they cannot afford food

65% of adults in Scotland are overweight including 23% who are obese

45% of farms do not make enough to pay the farmer the Minimum Agricultural Wage

There are 44 million fewer birds in Britain than in 1970

The Government is asking your opinion on a new law seeking to change the food system in Scotland.

Have your say. Go online to :
<https://tinyurl.com/GoodFoodNationBill>

Or complete and submit pages 3, 4 & 5 of this document to Scottish Government at the address below by **March 29th**.

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Notes on the consultation document

Question 1 is **about**: the responsibilities the Government and others would have to make sure the right to food is respected, protected and fulfilled. The proposals (included below) are a list of common actions that Governments take to help them plan for and deliver their human rights commitments:

- Make a policy about food and think about this policy when making decisions.
- Have the food policy cover the whole food system, including things like growing, harvesting, processing, marketing, selling, preparing, eating food and disposing of the waste. It would also include how people access the best food for themselves and their families, and how food is managed in places like schools and hospitals.
- Be clear about how they are going to measure progress.
- Ask the public for their views when they are writing the policy.
- Look back at the policy every 5 years and update if needed.
- Report about how well they are doing every 2 years.
- Think about their international commitments at each stage of the process, including when they are writing the policy, carrying out their agreed actions and reporting on progress.

Question 1 is **asking**: Do you agree with the actions the Government is suggesting?

Question 2 is **about**: This question is about whether businesses should have some responsibilities too, and what the Government can do help private businesses to be involved.

Question 2 is **asking**: Do you agree that the Government should support private businesses to play their part in achieving the Good Food Nation vision of a fairer, greener and healthier food system?

Question 3 is **about**: who the Government and other public agencies should report to when they are explaining the progress they have made on delivering their food plans. In other words, who are they 'accountable' to?

The Government is suggesting that their plans and reports about their progress only need to be sent to the Parliament, and the plans and reports of other public bodies should just be sent to the Ministers. They do not think it would be helpful or a good use of money to have a separate group of experts and representatives from other parts of the food system to look over their work and progress. A group like this is called an 'independent statutory body'.

Question 3 is **asking**: Do you agree that the Scottish Government does not need anyone outside of Government to make sure they are doing a good job?

Question 4 is **about**: the type of law we need to transform the food system. 'Targeted legislation' means laws that are focussed on specific issues, like health or education. There are a lot of laws like this now that include some parts about food, but they do not need to relate to each other. The 'single piece of legislation' they are talking about in this question is what is sometimes called 'framework legislation'. Framework legislation puts important structures in place for how the Government and other public bodies should do their work. If passed, this would also guide how food issues were included in specific ('targeted') laws about things like health and education.

Question 4 is **asking**: 'Do you agree that we should **only** have targeted legislation (many specific laws) and **not** have framework legislation (a law that would help guide future laws and policy about food)?'



1. To what extent do you agree with the framework proposals for Ministers and public authorities to prepare statements of policy, have regard to them in the exercise of relevant functions, and report on implementation, with regard to international obligations and guidance?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Please explain your answer

2. Whilst we do not plan to require all sectors to prepare statements of policy on food, they do all have a role to play in achieving our Good Food Nation ambition. To what extent do you agree that Government should encourage and enable businesses in particular to play their part?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Please explain your answer



3. To what extent do you agree with the proposed approach to accountability of Scottish Ministers and specified public authorities?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Please explain your answer

4. To what extent do you agree with the proposal for targeted legislation relevant to specific policy areas as an alternative to a single piece of legislation?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Please explain your answer

RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

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<https://beta.gov.scot/privacy/>

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Individual

Organisation

Full name or organisation's name

Phone number

Address

Postcode

Email

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If you choose the option 'Do not publish response', your organisation name may still be listed as having responded to the consultation in, for example, the analysis report.

We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Yes

No