Writing your consultation response

Use this worksheet to think about what you would like to tell the Government for each of these questions. Once you are done making some notes, use it to write or type your final response and send it in to the Government. Don't worry if the question doesn't make sense, or if you only want to answer part of the question, just tell the Government what you want them to know.

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?**

   In other words…

   The Government is proposing to write a food plan that covers how we produce, sell, eat, and waste food, and ask public organisations to write their own food plans also. The plan would have to make sure that we respect human rights, like the right to food, and other goals, like reducing climate-warming greenhouse gases. They are proposing that the plan is regularly updated, and that the Government would have to pay attention to this plan when they spend money or decide on new policies. Do you agree with these ideas for the responsibilities the Government would have under a new Good Food Nation framework law?

YOUR ANSWER:

a. Strongly agree b. agree c. Neither agree nor disagree d. Disagree e. Strongly disagree

Tell the Government a bit about what you think should be in a new plan for food in Scotland and whether you have any thoughts on their proposals to write a food plan:

Under international law everyone in the UK has a right to food: a human right to sustainable, nutritious and fairly produced food. This right is not realised in Scotland, because it is not Scot's law.

You could use this space to ask Government to protect the **right to food**

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?**

In other words….

Do you agree that the Government should support private business to achieve the Good Food Nation vision of a fairer, greener and healthier food system?

YOUR ANSWER:

a. Strongly agree b. agree c. Neither agree nor disagree d. Disagree e. Strongly disagree

Tell the Government a bit about how you think businesses should play their part in becoming a Good Food Nation:

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

In other words…

The Government and public authorities (like local councils and NHS boards) are responsible for spending their money or using their powers in the right way. They think that it is enough that the Government judges its own actions. Do you agree that the Scottish Government does not need anyone outside of Government to make sure they are doing a good job?

YOUR ANSWER:

a. **Strongly agree** b. **agree** c. **Neither agree nor disagree** d. **Disagree** e. **Strongly disagree**

Do you think this is enough of a check to make sure that we achieve the Good Food Nation vision, and that Government and public authorities live up to their promises? Tell the Government what you think.

You could use this space to ask for an **independent statutory body**

An Independent Statutory Body is a group of experts to review the Government's plans / reports and push for strong action.

4. **<u>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?</u>**

In other words….

Do you think we should have one law that puts principles in place for the food system *or* lots of laws about specific issues without being connected?

YOUR ANSWER:

a. Strongly agree b. agree c. Neither agree nor disagree d. Disagree e. Strongly disagree

Tell the Government what the new law on Scotland's food system look like? What would you like to see changed with a new law? You can also use this space to tell the Government anything else you would like them to know.

It's okay to use this space to ask for both.

One law to put in place the principles for the food system **<u>and</u>** other laws on specific issues.