Topical Survey

Conducted by Survation on behalf of Scottish Environment LINK

Fieldwork conducted: 29th April – 4th May 2020
Population sampled: All residents aged 16+ living in Scotland
Sample size: 1,027 respondents
Q1-3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

“In Scotland we should use raw materials more wisely and waste less.”

- Strongly agree: 55%
- Somewhat agree: 32%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 9%
- Somewhat disagree: 2%
- Strongly disagree: 0%
- Don’t know: 2%

Base: All Respondents Unweighted Total: Total=1027
“Scotland needs an overall reduction in the amount of raw materials that are used.”

- Strongly agree: 35%
- Somewhat agree: 36%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 20%
- Somewhat disagree: 4%
- Strongly disagree: 1%
- Don't know: 3%

Base: All Respondents Unweighted Total: Total=1027
“The Government should introduce a target and a plan on how to reduce the amount of raw materials used.”

- Strongly agree: 41%
- Somewhat agree: 37%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 15%
- Somewhat disagree: 3%
- Strongly disagree: 1%
- Don’t know: 3%

Base: All Respondents Unweighted Total: Total=1027
Q4–6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

“When possible, products should be made so that they are easy to repair and their components can be re-used.”

- Strongly agree: 63%
- Somewhat agree: 28%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 7%
- Somewhat disagree: 1%
- Strongly disagree: 0%
- Don’t know: 1%

Base: All Respondents Unweighted Total: Total=1027
“The Government should make sure that people have access to repair and re-use services, as well as recycling services.”

- Strongly agree: 58%
- Somewhat agree: 33%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 7%
- Somewhat disagree: 1%
- Strongly disagree: 0%
- Don’t know: 1%

Base: All Respondents Unweighted Total: Total=1027
“The Government should use available powers to encourage companies to make products sold in Scotland repairable and re-useable.”

- Strongly agree: 55%
- Somewhat agree: 32%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 9%
- Somewhat disagree: 2%
- Strongly disagree: 0%
- Don’t know: 1%

Base: All Respondents Unweighted Total: Total=1027
Q7–8. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

"The Government should, wherever possible, only allow materials that are practicably and safely recyclable to be sold in Scotland."

- Strongly agree: 31%
- Somewhat agree: 43%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 17%
- Somewhat disagree: 6%
- Strongly disagree: 2%
- Don't know: 2%

Base: All Respondents Unweighted Total: Total=1027
“The Government should allow all materials to be sold in Scotland, regardless of whether they can be practicably and safely recycled.”

- Strongly agree: 12%
- Somewhat agree: 23%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 28%
- Somewhat disagree: 26%
- Strongly disagree: 10%
- Don't know: 2%

Base: All Respondents Unweighted Total: Total=1027
Q9-10. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

“Producers and retailers have a responsibility for the environmental impact of their products.”

- Strongly agree: 57%
- Somewhat agree: 33%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 8%
- Somewhat disagree: 1%
- Strongly disagree: 0%
- Don't know: 1%

Base: All Respondents Unweighted Total: Total=1027
“Producers whose products are not repairable or re-useable should pay a higher fee in Producer Responsibility schemes.”

- Strongly agree: 33%
- Somewhat agree: 38%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 20%
- Somewhat disagree: 4%
- Strongly disagree: 1%
- Don't know: 3%

Base: All Respondents Unweighted Total: Total=1027
Q11. To what extent do you support or oppose a ban on all environmentally harmful single-use items where there are practical re-usable alternatives (with exclusions for certain groups)?

- Completely support: 44%
- Somewhat support: 36%
- Neither support nor oppose: 14%
- Somewhat oppose: 4%
- Completely oppose: 1%
- Don't know: 2%

Base: All Respondents Unweighted Total: Total=1027
Q12-13 Do you think supermarkets should or should not have to do the following?

Report publicly on their own waste

- Should: 83%
- Should not: 5%
- Don't know: 12%

Base: All Respondents Unweighted Total: Total=1027
Report publicly on the waste from their supply chains as well as their own waste

- Should: 77%
- Should not: 8%
- Don't know: 15%

Base: All Respondents Unweighted Total: Total=1027
Q14. To what extent would you support or oppose a charge on activities which cover up soil that could be used to fund the restoration of derelict land?

- Completely support: 25%
- Somewhat support: 35%
- Neither support nor oppose: 23%
- Somewhat oppose: 5%
- Completely oppose: 1%
- Don't know: 11%

Base: All Respondents Unweighted Total: Total=1027