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Dear Robert,

Thank you for your email of 21 July and your letter of 6 August on behalf of O-I Glass Limited of Harlow, Essex, about glass and the Deposit Return Scheme (DRS). I apologise for the delay in responding. Defra is currently dealing with high volumes of correspondence.

Earlier this year the Government ran a second consultation on introducing a DRS in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. In this consultation, we proposed that the materials included in a DRS could be PET plastic bottles, steel and aluminium cans and glass bottles. However, we recognise the concerns raised by industry on the inclusion of glass both through responses to the consultation and in subsequent engagement.

This consultation has now closed and we are analysing the responses to that consultation, with a view to publishing a Government response in due course. The Government response will include a final decision on the scope and materials to be included in the DRS. An impact assessment for the introduction of the scheme will also be published.

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