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Dear Convenor,

I am writing regarding a new Scottish Government consultation on 'Mandatory Calorie Labelling in the Out Of Home (OOH) Sector in Scotland', which will be published at noon on Friday, 8 April 2022.

As a courtesy, I wished to give you advance notice of the publication of this consultation, which will be available from this web link from the publication date:

<https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781804352465>.

This consultation fulfils a commitment made in our 2021 [Out of Home Action Plan](#). The Plan, trailed in our [2021/22 Programme for Government](#), builds on the actions set out in the 2018 [Diet and Healthy Weight Delivery Plan](#) and recommendations made by [Food Standards Scotland](#) (FSS) to Scottish Ministers in 2019. Mandating calorie labelling at the point of choice is one potential way to support our OOH sector to make a key contribution in improving our dietary health.

The consultation sets out proposals for mandatory calorie labelling to apply to all OOH settings with certain proposed exemptions such as for schools. It also outlines the broad types of food and drink that would be covered with possible exemptions, for example non-standard menu items prepared on request.

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The consultation will inform Scottish Ministers' decision whether to proceed to legislate to give Ministers powers to regulate mandatory calorie labelling for food served in OOH settings, including ordering in.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this correspondence to the other members of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, and ask that they raise awareness of the consultation amongst any interested organisations and individuals, encouraging them to respond via the web address above. I am very keen that as many people as possible have the opportunity to contribute to this important consultation.

The closing date for the consultation is Monday 1 July 2022.

I look forward to working with you and the committee in future on our proposals. My officials working on this consultation are available to give further information if that is helpful. Please contact Peter Faassen de Heer ([peter.faassendeheer@gov.scot](mailto:peter.faassendeheer@gov.scot)) with any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

**Maree Todd MSP**

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