



# Retail Forum Subgroup Minutes: Green Transition

**5 March 2025**

## Meeting 13

### CHATHAM HOUSE RULES APPLY

**Attendees:** Appendix A

**Minutes:** The minutes from this meeting are to be agreed under Silence Procedure and will be available on [www.enterprise.gov.ie](http://www.enterprise.gov.ie)

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### Item 1: Welcome

Marian Cassidy, Secretary, Retail Forum chaired the meeting and welcomed attendees.

### Item 2: Presentation from Aisling McCarthy, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment - Sustainable Retail: Navigating the ESPR and Ban on Destruction of Unsold Consumer Goods presentation

A copy of the presentation is available on [Retail Forum Subgroups: presentations - DETE](#)

### Comment Arising:

- The challenge for small operators was raised by a retailer.

### Item 3: Green Transition Subgroup

The Chair asked attendees to consider the future of this Subgroup. She added that the Subgroup was established to implement the actions in the Retail Forum's Work Programme, and that the Subgroup is driven by members raising issues that are relevant to the sector, while being supported by the Department.

### Comments Arising:

- A retail representative body said that the meetings were useful as they relay information from the meetings to their members.
- A retail representative body found the presentations useful but added that they also receive the information from other sources.
- A retailer suggested that it could be considered that the group continues on an ad-hoc basis with a clear objective, possibly focusing on new directives that will impact the sector e.g. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).
- A retail representative body proposed that the group should continue. They asked that a quicker turnaround on the payment of grants.

**Retail Section**  
**Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment**  
**10 March 2025**

## Appendix A

### Retail Forum Subgroup – Green Transition

#### Attendees

Organisation	Representative
Chambers Ireland	James Kiernan
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment (Chair)	Marian Cassidy (Secretary to the Retail Forum)
Marks and Spencer	Karina O’Gorman
Primark	Aidan O’Connor
RGDATA	Clare Walsh
SFA	Jonathan McDade

#### Presenters and additional Attendees

Organisation	Representative
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment	Aisling McCarthy
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment	Aiste Vekrike

#### Apologies

Organisation	Representative
Basecamp	Jack Leydon
CSNA	Vincent Jennings
LEO Network	Joe Lowe
Retail Excellence	Jean McCabe
Retail Ireland	Elizabeth Young
Tesco	Andrew McGregor