

Appendix 7. Assignment 2

Answer the following questions.

Consider the following information adapted from website of HKSAR Environment Protection Department :

When we talk of everyone taking responsibility for waste, we include manufacturers, suppliers, wholesalers and retailers, in addition to consumers. Producer responsibility schemes (PRSs) target all of these groups and require them to share the responsibility for recycling, treating and disposing of end-of-life products.

The first mandatory PRS will apply to plastic shopping bags..... We also intend to consult the public soon on a mandatory PRS for waste electrical and electronic equipment.

Source: HKSAR Environment Protection Department, Website :

<http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/misc/ehk09/en/waste/index.html>

“Plastic shopping bags levy has a defect that it shifts the responsibility of protecting environment from producers and service-providers to consumers.” Do you agree with this statement? Explain.

What would you suggest HKSAR Government to have a fair share of environmental protection responsibility between producers/service-providers and consumers when proposing a tax levied on waste electrical and electronic equipment?
