



Department
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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your correspondence of 5 February about comments made by Andrew Gwynne during the Tobacco and Vapes Bill debate. I have been asked to reply.

I appreciate your concerns.

As you will be aware, the Government is required, under Article 5.3 of the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, to protect public policy from the commercial and other vested interests of tobacco companies. As such, the Department will not be responding to the issues you have raised in your correspondence and will be publishing both this and your correspondence.

In terms of the evidence related to heated tobacco products, the Department set out its position on this in response to the Pre-Action Protocol letter sent by Philip Morris last year. This is published online and available at khub.net/web/phe-national/public-library/-/document_library/v2WsRK3ZIEig/view/394794557?_com_liferay_document_library_web_portlet_DLPortlet_INSTANCE_v2WsRK3ZIEig_navigation=home&_com_liferay_document_library_web_portlet_DLPortlet_INSTANCE_v2WsRK3ZIEig_deltaFolder=&_com_liferay_document_library_web_portlet_DLPortlet_INSTANCE_v2WsRK3ZIEig_orderByCol=modifiedDate&_com_liferay_document_library_web_portlet_DLPortlet_INSTANCE_v2WsRK3ZIEig_curFolder=&_com_liferay_document_library_web_portlet_DLPortlet_INSTANCE_v2WsRK3ZIEig_curEntry=2&_com_liferay_document_library_web_portlet_DLPortlet_INSTANCE_v2WsRK3ZIEig_orderByType=desc&_p_r_p_resetCur=false&_com_liferay_document_library_web_portlet_DLPortlet_INSTANCE_v2WsRK3ZIEig_deltaEntry=20.

I hope this reply is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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