

Together we will beat cancer

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Dear Andrew,

Request for meeting at Cancer Research UK's Parliament Day on 27th June 2012

In advance of Cancer Research UK's Parliament Day on 27th June, I am writing to request a meeting with you on the day. Our Parliament Day will highlight our top priorities for cancer – saving lives through prevention, awareness, early diagnosis and treatment. The day includes a series of high level meetings, a photocall for MPs at our Cancer Awareness Roadshow and a lobby of Parliament by Cancer Research UK supporters from across the UK. The lobby will focus on 'The answer is plain': our campaign for plain packaging of tobacco products to support the Government's consultation.

We are delighted that the consultation has been published. You are well aware of our position and you will of course already be familiar with our desire to see plain packaging introduced as soon as possible. We would be happy to update you on the campaign. I would also like to discuss a number of other priority issues including endoscopy capacity to support the early diagnosis of bowel cancer and radiotherapy services.

Depending on your diary, we would also be delighted if you were able to address our supporters – we hope to have over 100 present, who are gathering in London on the day to meet with their constituency MPs in the afternoon. If you were available in the morning to say a few words to them about the consultation, they would appreciate that greatly.

I hope we will be able to meet you on 27th June. A member of our public affairs team will be in contact with your office shortly and if you have any questions please contact my office on 020 3 [redacted] or [redacted].

Yours sincerely

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*From the Rt Hon Andrew Lansley CBE MP
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Dear Harpal,

Thank you for your letter of 3 May, requesting a meeting at Cancer Research UK's Parliament Day on 27 June 2012. I understand that the day will include a lobby of Parliament focussing on CR-UK's campaign 'The answer is plain', calling for plain packaging of tobacco products.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to set up a meeting on the issue of tobacco packaging at this time and I will be unable to speak at the event on 27 June. As I am sure you will understand, there are many groups with an interest in this issue and it would not be possible, or appropriate, for me to try and meet with everyone who has an interest while the consultation is underway.

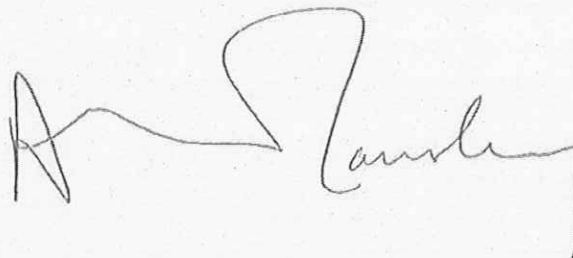
The Government has an open mind on whether to take further action on tobacco packaging and will welcome responses to the consultation from all those with an interest.

I will be very interested to read your consultation response, and I am sure you will be keen to make best use of this opportunity to share the data and evidence, which I know CR-UK has been gathering in this area.

Any decision to take further action on tobacco packaging will only be taken after full consideration has been given to consultation responses, evidence and other relevant information.

The consultation closes on 10 July. If you would like to meet after that date to discuss the other priority issues referred to in your letter, please contact my diary manager [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Lansley'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'A'.

ANDREW LANSLEY CBE