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Dear Professor Iversen,

Re: Temporary Class Drug Order (TCDO) on methiopropamine

Thank you for your letter of 30 September regarding the current TCDO on methiopropamine that is due to expire on 26 November.

I note the ACMD requires more time to gather further evidence before being able to make a final substantiated recommendation for permanent control under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. As such, I accept your recommendation that the TCDO be remade for an additional 12 months.

I am pleased that anecdotal evidence exists to show that the current TCDO has been effective. I do however, remain concerned about the harms associated with this substance and I am grateful to the ACMD for continuing to review the evidence before coming to a final recommendation.

I look forward to receiving the ACMD's further advice and ask that you continue to work with my officials to ensure that this is provided in a timescale that, if appropriate, will enable the completion of the parliamentary process for permanent control within the 12 months from the remaking of the current order. In the meantime, my officials will commence work on remaking the TCDO for methiopropamine.

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