



Department
of Health

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Dear

Thank you for your request of 17 April 2013 under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). Your exact request was:

“At the House of Lords Select Committee hearing on the Tobacco Products Directive on 13 March the Public Health Minister was passed a letter from former police officers (Roy Ramm and Peter Sheridan) about the Directive. I request a copy of that letter and any subsequent correspondence between the Department of Health and any other person about this letter.”

I can confirm that the Department holds information relevant to your request.

A search of the Department's Tobacco Programme team files has identified the following information relevant to this request, which can be found attached:

1. Letter dated 28 February 2013 from Messrs Sheridan and Ramm to Lord Hannay of Chiswick (Chair of Sub-Committee F of the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Union). This letter was passed to the Minister for Public Health during a hearing of the Committee on the proposed European Tobacco Products Directive.
2. Emails between parliamentary staff that support Sub-Committee F of the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Union and DH on 22 March 2013.
3. Emails between parliamentary staff that support Sub-Committee F of the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Union and DH over the period 22 March to 25 March 2013.
4. Letter dated 3 April 2013 from the DH Tobacco Programme Manager to Mr Evans at Goddard Global.
5. Emails between parliamentary staff that support Sub-Committee F of the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Union and DH on 4 April 2013.
6. Letter dated 15 April from Mr Sheridan to the DH Tobacco Programme Manager.

Please note that some of this information has been redacted under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act which provides for the protection of

personal information. Section 40 prohibits a public body from disclosing personally identifiable information as doing so would contravene data protection principles.

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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Yours sincerely,

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