



Ian). The concerns are about either their employment, grants or consultancies. All three have been informed.

We are not overly concerned about this (we were in fact expecting it) and will deal with it via our normal processes.

Michael will send you a copy of the letters and our replies once they have been finalised.

Very happy to discuss.

best wishes

Alison

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08/08/2012 15:12

To Michael Griffin/  
cc Alison Tedstone, Elaine Stone/  
bcc  
Subject Re: Letter regarding Ian Macdonald

Dear Alison  
Cc Elaine, Michael

Thank you for your letter on this matter. I confirm my agreement for Professor MacDonald to be allowed to resume his advisory roles, as discussed and laid out in your letter dated 8 June 2012

With best wishes  
Ann Prentice  
Chair SACN

PS Should you need a hard copy with signature for your records, please let me know

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Dr Ann Prentice OBE, PhD, FMedSci, FAfN, FSB  
Director  
MRC Human Nutrition Research

**From:** <Michael.Griffin [redacted]>  
**Date:** Fri, 8 Jun 2012 11:40:27 +0100  
**To:** Ann Prentice <Ann.Prentice [redacted]>  
**Cc:** <Alison.Tedstone [redacted]> <Elaine.Stone [redacted]>  
**Subject:** Letter regarding Ian Macdonald

Dear Ann,

Further to your telephone conversation with Alison and Elaine, please see the attached letter regarding Ian Macdonald:

*(See attached file: Letter to Ann Prentice re Ian Macdonald June 2012.doc)*

Best wishes,

Michael

Michael Griffin  
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Best wishes,

Michael

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Nutrition Science and Delivery

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Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition

8 June 2012

Dear Ann

I am writing to follow up on our telephone conversation regarding Prof Ian Macdonald's request for permission to resume his advisory roles on the Mars Europe Advisory Board, Coca Cola European Scientific Advisory Committee and Coca Cola International Public Policy Advisory Board .

Ian Macdonald has previously declared these conflicts of interest in accordance with the CoPSAC guidance. In 2009, the then Chair of SACN, Prof Alan Jackson expressed concerns regarding Ian's potential conflicts of interest in relation to his position as Chair of the SACN Carbohydrates Working Group. After discussion with officials at DH and FSA, Ian agreed to step down from his Industry Advisory roles in 2010 until the SACN Carbohydrates review was completed. Due to the nature of the review and the volume of literature being reviewed the Carbohydrates review is taking longer than originally envisaged and is unlikely to be completed before the end of 2013.

As discussed, he has recently brought to our attention the fact that the honorarium that he received from Coca Cola International Public Policy Advisory Board previously part funded a research assistant within his team and as a result of giving up these roles he had to make the research assistant redundant.

Ian has now requested that the Department reconsider the decision regarding his potential conflicts. I have discussed this with Liz Woodeson, Director of Health and Wellbeing who is now content for Ian Macdonald to re-join these advisory groups. Ian has always been open and honest about his consultancy work. He is a well-regarded SACN member who consistently draws conclusions on the basis of the scientific evidence alone. I have never seen any indications of bias.

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**We discussed the processes that were in place to ensure transparency and integrity of the review. These include the process for the Carbohydrates review including a clear protocol for each of the three reviews at the beginning of the process. The reviews were commissioned externally and the SACN report which will be drafted by the Secretariat will draw on these review. In addition, the final sign off of the SACN report is with the main committee and primarily with you as SACN Chair.**

**Based on these strategies and following our discussions we provisionally agreed that Ian Macdonald should be allowed to resume his advisory roles.**

**Having had time to reflect, I am now seeking your final agreement.**

**Best wishes,**

**Dr Alison Tedstone  
Head of Nutrition Branch**