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Dear [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

As discussed here is a brief agenda for the meeting between the APPG Officers and Mrs Milton on Monday.

1. The PP consultation
2. Covert lobbying and the briefing supplied to DH on third party groups by the APPG
3. Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC and DH activity on this issue
4. Smoking in cars

I have attached relevant correspondence between the APPG and Mrs Milton about smoking in cars and front groups.

[REDACTED] and I will be attending with Stephen, Bob and Kevin.




Do let me know if you have any questions.

All the best.

Deborah.

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From Anne Milton MP
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The Rt Hon Kevin Barron MP
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Dear Kevin

12 JAN 2012

Thank you for your letters of 14 December to me, Andrew Lansley and Professor Sally Davies and 15 December to Nick Clegg and James Paice about covert lobbying by the tobacco industry. Please accept this as a reply to all of these letters and any further letters of 14 and 15 December forwarded from other ministerial colleagues.

I understand that you are writing on this issue in advance of the consultation on tobacco packaging that will be undertaken across the United Kingdom in the spring.

I appreciate your thoughts on the commitments in *Healthy Lives, Healthy People: A Tobacco Control Plan for England* regarding the protection of tobacco control policies from the vested interests of the tobacco industry. I am aware of the lobbying tactics undertaken by the tobacco industry during the passage of legislation to end the open display of tobacco, as set out in your letter.

The Department of Health is currently working to implement the commitment at paragraph 10.2 of the Tobacco Control Plan relating to publishing the details of policy-related meetings between the tobacco industry and Government departments. The United Kingdom is party to the World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC). The FCTC is an international treaty, and includes the following obligation under Article 5.3:

In setting and implementing their public health policies with respect to tobacco control, Parties shall act to protect these policies from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry in accordance with national law.

The Department takes its obligations under Article 5.3 of the FCTC very seriously.

I agree that we need to have openness and transparency in making and implementing tobacco control policies. The forthcoming consultation on tobacco packaging will be undertaken in accordance with the Government's *Code of Practice on Consultation*. This Code sets out what people can expect from the Government when it runs formal, written consultation exercises on matters of policy or policy implementation. Respondents will be asked to disclose any interests in the tobacco industry they have.

You suggest that MPs should be informed by the Government in advance of the tobacco packaging consultation of the names of all organisations that receive tobacco industry funding or support. The Government does not hold this information. There is currently no legislation requiring tobacco companies to disclose data on their promotional or marketing activities. Therefore, the Government is not in a position to require this information, regardless of how useful it might be. Nevertheless, if you are aware of any such funding, you may wish to make Parliamentary colleagues aware. The Department of Health would also be interested in any such information you may have.

You raise interesting suggestions regarding the establishment of a statutory register for lobbyists and amending the Freedom of Information Act to improve transparency. As both of these issues fall outside my remit, I suggest you make contact directly with the responsible Ministers, Mark Harper for a statutory register of lobbyists and Lord McNally for the Freedom of Information Act. The contact details are:

Mark Harper MP
Minister for Political and Constitutional Reform
Cabinet Office
70 Whitehall
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The Lord McNally
Minister of State
Ministry of Justice
102 Petty France
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Again, thank you for writing about tobacco control and the forthcoming consultation on tobacco packaging. I would be happy to meet to discuss these matters further. If you wish to arrange a meeting, please contact my Diary Secretary by email at [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk.

I have written in similar terms to Stephen Williams and Bob Blackman.

Please do contact me again if there are any further concerns.

Bob Blackman

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15 DEC 2011

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Thank you for your letters of 18 November to Hugh Robertson and me about smoking in vehicles in the presence of children.

I welcome the profile the All Parliamentary Party Group on Smoking and Health, the BMA and Alex Cunningham's bill, Smoking in Private Vehicles, have been able to give to this important public health issue. As you are aware, smokefree legislation, prohibiting smoking in enclosed public places and workplaces in England, has already done much to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke and raise awareness of the health harms that can result from that exposure. However, we know from the evidence, including the Royal College of Physicians' 2010 report, *Passive Smoking and Children*, and the BMA's briefing, that children are still being exposed to secondhand smoke in the home and in family cars and that they are particularly vulnerable to its harmful effects.

We would like to see smoking in cars and homes where children are present eradicated. The key question is what is the most appropriate and workable way of achieving this. As you are aware, the Government plans to run a marketing campaign in spring 2012 that will be targeted at raising awareness about the dangers of smoking in vehicles where children are present.

The Secretary of State and I would like to give further consideration to your report and to what other action, if any, is required to address this challenge, in addition to the planned marketing campaign. I will therefore write to you early in the new year following an appropriate period of reflection on the important issues that you have raised.

I would like to thank you and the All Parliamentary Group on Smoking and Health once again for your continued work to help people to stop smoking and to minimise the levels of preventable deaths.

Please do contact me again if there are any further concerns.

Best wishes as ever

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Milton', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

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18 April 2012

Dear Anne

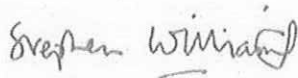
Covert lobbying by the tobacco industry

Thank you for your helpful response to the letter from the APPG dated 14th December about covert lobbying by the tobacco industry.

I enclose a briefing which ASH has put together on tobacco front groups and third party lobbying, which you may find of interest. I will also send a copy of the briefing to the libraries in the House of Commons and House of Lords.

Yours sincerely,

With best wishes



Stephen Williams MP
Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Smoking and Health