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Dear Mr Ross,

Thank you for your letter of 19 October, in reply to ours of 11 October 2012. I am replying on behalf of

I am sorry that you found the reference to the meeting between Anne Milton and the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on 30 April confusing.

I can confirm that Anne Milton did not attend a formal meeting of the APPG. Representatives of the APPG met her in her ministerial office. As you will appreciate, Minister's diaries tend to be very full and so this informal meeting was held at pre-arranged time. As explained in our earlier letter, the meeting was arranged at the request of the APPG Chairman.

It is also correct that prior to the meeting, the APPG sent the minister's private office a list of topics that the APPG hoped to discuss.

I hope this clarification is helpful.

Yours

Yours sincerely



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Friday, 19 October 2012

Dear

Thank you for your letter of 11 October 2012.

I am rather confused about your description in that letter of the meeting that took place between Anne Milton, the former Minister of Public Health and representatives of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Smoking and Health on 30th April 2012. In your letter you state:

“a delegation led by the Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group (Mr Stephen Williams MP) called on Mrs Milton in her ministerial office on 30 April 2012.”

However in response to a recent FOI an email from Deborah Arnott of ASH who are secretariat to the group was released dated 25/04/2012 16:56 to a significant copy list stating:

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

.....

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

This does not sound like a delegation called on Mrs Milton as you state in your letter rather it sounds like a pre-arranged meeting with an agreed agenda. It also appears in the email that the meeting was arranged by Deborah Arnott on the Wednesday of the week before.

Please could you clarify for me what actually happened as I would not want to misrepresent this event in discussions.

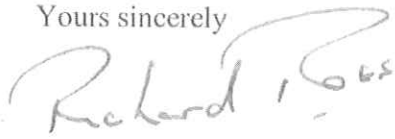
Thanking you

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Ross". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

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11 October 2012

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Dear Mr Ross,

Thank you for your letter of 12 September 2012, addressed to Tabitha Brufal, Deputy Director, Tobacco and Responsibility Deal at the Department of Health. I have been asked to reply.

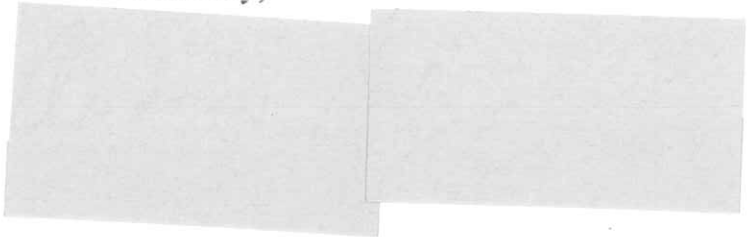
I can confirm the Department has received your company's response to the *Consultation on standardised packaging of tobacco products*. The Department is currently undertaking initial collation and analysis of the consultation responses received. I can assure you that your company's response will be read carefully. If we have any questions, or believe that there could be further information that you could provide, we will certainly be in touch.

You mention that your company has concerns about the access that children have to tobacco products, and suggest that the Government needs to do more in this area. The Government takes a comprehensive approach to tobacco control, as set out in *Healthy lives, healthy people: A tobacco control plan for England*. The tobacco control plan is available on the Department's website. The Government has also set out national ambitions to reduce smoking rates among young people and to reduce smoking prevalence in the wider adult population.

You also ask about the meeting that Anne Milton, the former Minister for Public Health had with representatives of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Smoking and Health. I wish to clarify that the minister did not attend a formal meeting of this group. Rather, a delegation led by the Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group (Mr Stephen Williams MP) called on

Mrs Milton in her ministerial office on 30 April 2012. This informal meeting was arranged at the request of the Chairman, Secretary (Mr Bob Blackman MP) and Vice Chair (Mr Kevin Barron MP) of the All Party Parliamentary Group.

Yours sincerely,



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