

Ref: 795779

Dear

Thank you for your request of 19 July 2013 under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).  
Your exact request was:

*"I am writing to request copies of correspondence between the Dept. of Health and Philip Morris International regarding the EU Tobacco Products Directive as per the attached 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:

- An email from PMI to DH, dated 4 March 2013 and the attachments to that email titled;
  - A response to the Department of Health request for Philip Morris Limited (PML) views on the EU Tobacco Products Directive
  - The influence of the availability of menthol cigarettes on youth smoking prevalence – Oxford Economics
  - NICE Public Health Guidance – Tobacco Harm Reduction. Stakeholder comments

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.

If you have any queries about this email, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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The Information Commissioner's Office

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