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Dear [REDACTED]

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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[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