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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Alex,

Thank you for your letter of 30 April about our exchange at PMQs on the same day about introducing standard packaging for tobacco products and smoking in cars when children are present.

As you are aware, Jane Ellison, the Minister for Public Health, told the Commons on the day that Sir Cyril Chantler's report was published in April, that Ministers are currently minded to proceed with introducing regulations to provide for standardised packaging.

While the enabling legislation is in place for both standardised packaging and smoking in cars carrying children, before reaching a final decision for standardised packaging of tobacco, and in order to ensure that the decision is properly and fully informed, we intend to consult on draft regulations to make sure that it is clear how such a policy would operate. As we are currently in a pre-election "purdah" we will not be able to publish the consultation document until after 22 May 2014.

Parliament also recently voted in favour of banning smoking in cars carrying children. Proposals on making use of these powers are currently being developed by officials for Ministers to consider. There will also be a short consultation on the draft regulations before they are brought before Parliament.

Yours,
David

Mr Alex Cunningham MP