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*Dear Dr Hudson.*

## **E-cigarettes**

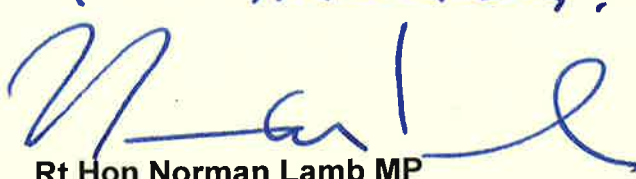
You will be aware that in August of this year my Committee published its Report on e-cigarettes. Two of our recommendations (those at paragraph 46 and 81) were directed to the MHRA. I hope that in due course the MHRA will respond to our Report directly or will feed into the Government's response.

Nonetheless, while we await the formal response of Government and others I would be grateful if you could set out the MHRA's response in particular to the recommendation at paragraph 46:

The Government should review with MHRA and the e-cigarette industry how its systems for approving stop smoking therapies could be streamlined; to be able to respond appropriately should manufacturers put forward a product for licensing.

You will also see from the enclosed correspondence between Deborah Arnott, Chief Executive, Action on Smoking & Health, and Sir Michael Rawlins that the licensing of e-cigarettes continues to be an issue and I would welcome you setting out how you will streamline that process.

I would be grateful, if at all possible, if you could provide a response to this letter by Monday 10 December.

*Yours sincerely,*  
  
Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP  
Chair