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Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee**

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Dear Lord Boswell

Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws, regulation and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and the sale of tobacco and related products (COM(2012)0788)

The Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee considered the European Commission's above proposal relating to tobacco products at its meeting on 25 February 2013. In particular, the Committee discussed proposals to revise the existing Tobacco Products Directive (Directive 37/2001/EC) so that it would in future encompass non-tobacco nicotine-containing products, such as electronic cigarettes.

Although the Assembly has no legislative powers in relation to human medicines and medicinal products, this is an issue of importance to Wales as it relates to the impact of smoking on public health generally – an area which has been of interest to the Assembly since its establishment.

While the Committee does not wish to raise any specific subsidiarity concerns in relation to the proposal, I would nevertheless be grateful if you could note the possible impact of this proposal on Wales as part of your consideration of the European Commission's proposal.

Yours sincerely

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