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Health and Social Care Committee Members

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Dear Committee Members

I am writing following my attendance at the Health and Social Care Committee on October 21 when I gave evidence about the Public Health (Wales) Bill. I undertook to provide you with the references for the research studies I quoted during the session.

The research studies, reports and articles I referred to in the committee session are:

- *Evidence About Electronic Cigarettes: A Foundation Built on Rock or Sand?* By Martin McKee and Simon Capewell, published in the British Medical Journal on September 15, 2015.
 - <http://static.www.bmj.com/content/351/bmj.h4863>
- *A Smoking Gun: Cancer-causing Chemicals in E-cigarettes* by the Center for Environmental Health, published on September 2, 2015.
 - http://www.ceh.org/wp-content/uploads/CEH-2015-report_A-Smoking-Gun_-_Cancer-Causing-Chemicals-in-E-Cigarettes.pdf
- State Health Officer's Report on E-cigarettes: *A Community Health Threat*, published in January 2015.
 - <http://cdph.ca.gov/programs/tobacco/Documents/Media/State%20Health-e-cig%20report.pdf>

I attach copies of each of these papers for ease of reference. I also attach copies of a number of slides taken from the presentation *A Preliminary Investigation of the Consequences of Tobacco Company Involvement in the E-cigarette Industry* by Richard Edwards, Nethran Pathmanathan, Janet Hoek, Marisa De Andrade and George Thomson from the universities of Otago and Edinburgh to the Population Health Congress in Hobart in September.

The committee has heard from e-cigarette advocates; this evidence – reflected in these slides – demonstrates how differently the tobacco industry operates in practice. I had hoped to give you these slides during the committee session but unfortunately we ran out of time – if you would like the whole presentation, please let me know.

Finally, I include a copy of a letter signed by 129 public and child health experts from around the world to the World Health Organisation, supporting its proposals for the regulation of e-cigarettes, which included a recommendation that countries bring the use of e-cigarettes into line with tobacco products. The letter is also available at: <https://tobacco.ucsf.edu/sites/tobacco.ucsf.edu/files/u9/Chan-letter-June16%20PST%20FINAL%20with%20129%20sigs.pdf>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Drakeford". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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