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Thank you for your letter regarding the Public Health Bill.

You have suggested a meeting to discuss the passage of the Public Health Bill as well as other matters.

With regards to the Public Health Bill, the First Minister announced on the 28 June that the Bill will be re-introduced in the first year of this Assembly term, with the contents reflecting the position reached at the end of stage 3 previously.

We do not yet have a timetable for re-introduction, but it will be subject to the usual Assembly scrutiny processes, with opportunities for stakeholder contributions. I will ensure my officials share the timetable with you once it is published.

I understand that you meet with my officials on a regular basis to discuss a number of issues, and are a member of the sub groups helping to develop the refreshed Tobacco Control Action Plan for Wales and the illegal tobacco task and finish group. I hope these meetings provide you with the opportunity to raise any concerns or issues relating to tobacco control in Wales.

In light of the above, I do not think that a meeting is necessary at this stage. I would, of course, be pleased to meet with you in the future to discuss these or other issues if you feel it is necessary.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

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