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From: Peter Martin
Sent: Wednesday, 21 December 2011 12:20 p.m.
To: John MacCormick; Peter Martin; Ruth Isaac
Cc: [3] Wayne Stevens; [3]
Subject: FW: Tobacco excise

And here is formal confirmation of the Ministers' interest. I've advised the office that John and [3] should be the contacts ongoing.

Peter

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From: Carolyn Palmer (MIN) [3]
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To: Peter Martin
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Subject: Tobacco excise

Hi Peter

Further to our brief discussion yesterday on this, the Minister raised the issue again this morning (in the context of fiscal savings options) and asked that this be looked at in January.

He was therefore keen on some advice, not only on the excise fiscals themselves, but also on the other impacts (for example, what were the implications of the previous increase in excise on usage, health etc).

Is your team able to liaise with colleagues in the health section to provide (apologies, I wasn't sure who in the team deals with tobacco)?

Many thanks
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for
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