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Dear Nick

Thank you for your letter of 13 June regarding the decision to not proceed with the proposed exemption to the Smoke-free regulations for performers to smoke on set in Wales.

We reviewed the evidence presented to the Sub-Committees on the Smoke-free Premises etc. (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 and concluded that the evidence brought forward to date by the Film and Television Industries has not demonstrated adequately the economic argument for an exemption. We are aware of the case made on Public Health grounds; therefore it is important that the economic case is valid and well evidenced.

Letters have recently been sent to key stakeholders in the Film and Television sectors to explain this, and to ask for further robust and detailed evidence of the impact that the lack of an exemption in Wales has on their Industries.

Should new information emerge, we will review the situation regarding the exemption at that stage.

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