

Committee Secretary
Red Tape Committee
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Dear Chairman
Subject: Red Tape Committee

I write to make a submission to the Red Tape Committee on the effect of red tape on tobacco retail.

* Tobacco retail regulations compliance the complexity and changing nature of tobacco retail regulations requires additional costs of staff meetings and training in the form of additional staff hours to ensure staff are aware of regulations and to correctly maintain display of retail prices.

* Display ban compliance costs this includes the cost supply and installation of a specialised cabinet and priceboard that meets display ban requirements. There are also additional costs (time and actual) associated with correcting errors resulting from the combination of the lack of display of tobacco products and plain packaging.

* Impact of plain packaging on illicit trade and financial impact on business the combination of plain packaging and high tobacco excises and resulted in an increase in illicit trade of cigarettes and tobacco products which is a direct cost to my business in terms of lost sales.

* High cost of tobacco unreasonable tobacco excise increases has heightened the business as a target of theft, impacting the safety of staff and leading to additional security costs.

Yours sincerely