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**Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2017
(SSI 2017/393)**

Dear Michael,

At its meeting on 5 December 2017, the Justice Committee considered the above negative instrument. The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instrument, however, it would welcome clarification on the following points.

Rule 2 provides that the definition of smoke includes nicotine vapour products. The Committee would be grateful if you could clarify whether the rule enabling a prison officer to instruct a prisoner to stop smoking 30 minutes before a cell certification check would apply to nicotine vapour products.

Could you also confirm whether the target to make all prisons smoke free by November 2018 applies to nicotine vapour products?

*Best wishes,
Margaret*

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