

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

**21 OCTOBER 2005**

**TOBACCO CONTROL SCRUTINY REVIEW – EVIDENCE FROM THE  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF FOREST**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To introduce the National Director of Forest, who is attending today's meeting to contribute to the above Scrutiny Review.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. That the Panel notes the information provided by Forest, in the context of the Tobacco Control Review.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT**

3. The Panel will recall that when considering how to take this review forward, it was felt important that some time was devoted to ascertaining the views of interest groups with regard to Tobacco Control.
4. It is to this end, that the National Director of Forest will be in attendance at today's meeting. Forest stands for Freedom Organisation for the Right to enjoy Smoking Tobacco. It is an organisation which states:
  - 4.1 "For 24 years FOREST (Freedom Organisation for the Right to Enjoy Smoking Tobacco) has been defending the interests of smokers through research, campaigns, and the provision of practical advice and information"
5. Forest will firstly present an overview of its position in relation to Tobacco Control. Following that, Members of the Panel are invited to ask any questions they have in relation to Forest's position to assist in the gathering of evidence for the Review.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6. No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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