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Dear Clare,

I have today made a statement to the Scottish Parliament on three consultations:

- Ending the sale of energy drinks to children and young people
- o Mandating Calorie Labelling in the Out of Home Sector; and
- <u>Restricting promotions of food and drink high in fat, sugar or salt where they are sold</u> to the public.

The independent analysis report for each of these consultations has been published on the Scottish Government's website alongside an <u>Energy Drinks Evidence Brief</u>.

My statement outlines the Scottish Government's policy position and next steps. This includes:

 Energy drinks – continued support of voluntary measures to limit the sale of energy drinks to children while keeping under review how these could potentially be strengthened.

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- Mandating Calorie Labelling in the Out of Home sector allowing time to further consider the potential impact of mandatory measures on people with an eating disorder ensuring we have a robust evidence base to further inform policy making.
- Restricting Promotions consulting this autumn on the detail of proposed regulations to restrict the promotion of less healthy food and drink where they are sold to the public. The Public Health (Restriction of Promotions) Bill will not be introduced.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this correspondence to the other members of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

I look forward to working with you and the Committee on our proposals.

Regards,

Jenni Murt

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