

# PARLIAMENTARY INFORMATION

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## ANSWER TO QUESTION

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Dr. Tom Stuttford (Conservative, Norwich South) asked the Secretary of State for Social Services if he is now able to make known the tar and nicotine yields of brands of cigarettes on sale in the United Kingdom.

Sir K. Joseph: I have received from the Laboratory of the Government Chemist the tar and nicotine yields which were obtained from samples of 150 cigarettes of each of 101 brands. The packets from which the samples were obtained were purchased from retail outlets in various parts of the country during each of the six months July to December 1972.

The figures which are set out below are rounded averages and the brands are listed in order of tar yield, those with the lowest tar yield being at the top. Where more than one brand have the same figure for tar yield, the brands with that figure are in alphabetical order. Differences between brands of up to 2mg of tar can generally be ignored.

The level of tar yield is regarded as more important to health than the level of nicotine. Cigarette smoke tar is known to contain substances which can cause cancer and is thought also to be a major factor in causing bronchitis and emphysema. There are good grounds for believing that those smokers who chose to continue smoking are less likely to damage their health if they smoke cigarettes with a low tar yield. Nicotine is known to have an effect on the heart and may help to cause heart disease.

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