

PARLIAMENTARY INFORMATION

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TO Members of the Tobacco Research
Council.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION

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Dr. Tom Stuttaford (Conservative, Norwich South) asked the Secretary of State for Social Services if he will make a statement on the hazards related to the sugar content of tobacco; and if he will compare this hazard with the potential health hazard related to tar content.

Sir K. Joseph: There has recently been some publicity given to a suggestion that cigarettes made from air-cured tobacco with a low sugar content may be less hazardous to health than those with a high sugar content made from flue-cured tobacco which are generally smoked in this country.

I have given much consideration to this matter and I am satisfied that expert opinion provides no basis for the Government to recommend to those who must smoke to choose cigarettes made from air-cured tobacco with a low sugar content in preference to cigarettes made from flue-cured tobacco.

The Government, in deciding to go ahead with plans to publish the tar and nicotine yields of cigarettes have done so because they are advised that if people are unable to give up smoking there are scientific grounds for believing that it would be somewhat less dangerous to health to smoke cigarettes with a low tar yield.

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