Written Answers

Sarah Wollaston (Totnes, Conservative)

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether her Department has assessed the likely effects of any ban on the sale of below-cost alcohol on levels of (a) excessive and (b) underage alcohol consumption.

James Brokenshire (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Home Office; Old Bexley and Sidcup, Conservative)

The impact assessment for banning the sale of alcohol below the cost of duty plus VAT will be published by the Home Office in the new year. This will assess the impact of excessive alcohol consumption on harmful and hazardous drinking groups who are most likely to be affected by the ban. The Home Office carefully considered the potential impact on underage and excessive alcohol consumption when considering options for the ban.

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