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Tēnā koe Mr Vaughan

Thank you for your email of 21 August 2020 regarding evidence for vaping policies following your earlier correspondence with the Ministry.

In my previous response of 21 August 2020, I noted that the current evidence indicates that the prevalence of daily vapers who are non-smokers is relatively small. There are a number of surveys that report vaping prevalence in New Zealand. Most of these surveys focus on youth uptake.

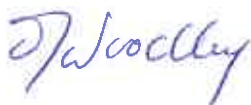
For example, the ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey undertaken in 2019 found that fewer than 1 percent of Year 10 students who never smoked reported using e-cigarettes daily. You can access the survey on ASH's website ([www.ash.org.nz/ash\\_year\\_10](http://www.ash.org.nz/ash_year_10)).

Meanwhile, the New Zealand Health Survey 2018/19 found that 1.7 percent of 15 to 17-year-olds were daily electronic cigarette users. You can access the survey on the Ministry of Health's website ([www.health.govt.nz](http://www.health.govt.nz)) by searching 'Annual Update of Key Results 2018/19: New Zealand Health Survey'.

The main purpose of the new regulatory regime created by the *Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Vaping) Amendment Act 2020* is to prevent young people from starting to vape whilst allowing smokers to switch to these less harmful products (and then stop using these products as well).

I hope this information is helpful and I wish you well.

Nāku noa, nā



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