

Home Department: Alcohol Abuse

Oral Answers to Questions

Sarah Wollaston Chair, Health and Social Care Committee, Chair, Liaison Committee (Commons)

It has just been confirmed that all alcoholic drinks in Scotland must cost at least 50p per unit from May this year. Will the Minister now review our alcohol strategy to allow us to take up this evidence-based policy that will do so much to tackle the scourge of cheap, high-strength alcohol and reduce pressure on our emergency services?

Victoria Atkins The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department, Minister for Women

We are of course aware of the Scottish Parliament's policy on this, and we are looking at it with interest. We set out our alcohol strategy in the 2016 strategy on dealing with modern crime, but we keep the issue under review.

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