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The Queen's advisers told MPs to strip Jeremy Corbyn of his "Right Honourable" status after No 10 wrongly implied he had joined the Privy Council. The Labour leader was described on Parliament's website as "Right Honourable", which denotes membership of the centuries-old Privy Council, until late last week when it was removed. The deletion will only be amended once Mr Corbyn becomes a member of the body. Page 8

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Future of new gas power plant in doubt

The only large new gas power station due to be built in Britain is now in doubt. Carlton Power was awarded a government subsidy contract last year to build a plant in Greater Manchester big enough to supply power to 2.2 million homes. The £800 million plant had been due to start generating in 2018, but the firm told *The Daily Telegraph* it had failed to secure backers because long-term policy decisions had skewed the market. Page 7

WORLD

Turkey atrocity suspect is July bomber's sibling

Police investigating the suicide attacks that killed 97 people during a pro-Kurdish peace rally in Turkey's capital believe one of those responsible may have been the missing brother of a terrorist who committed a similar attack in July. Yunus Emre Alagoz, whose younger brother Abdurrahman killed 33 in a bomb massacre in Suruc near the Syrian border, was named by police in local media as a suspect for the attacks in Ankara on Saturday. Page 15

BUSINESS

OECD: spending not always the answer

Countries that try to spend their way out of trouble risk becoming stuck in a permanent malaise, according to the head of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Talking to *The Daily Telegraph*, Angel Gurría said that central banks were running out of firepower to boost economies in the event of another sharp slowdown, while governments had limited space to ramp up spending. Business: Page 1

Minister accused of sugar tax 'cover up'

Health Secretary 'harming battle against child obesity by failing to publish report'

By Laura Donnelly HEALTH EDITOR

JEREMY HUNT, the Health Secretary, has become embroiled in a furious row with an MP who accused him of suppressing an "inconvenient" report on the case for a sugar tax.

Dr Sarah Wollaston, head of the Commons health committee, said the refusal to disclose a review of how to reduce the country's sugar intake before an inquiry into child obesity would cause "immense damage" and set a "dangerous precedent".

The Tory MP questioned whether the country's independent public health agency, which compiled the review, was bowing to political pressures from ministers who have made clear their opposition to a sugar tax.

Last night, she said the decision by Mr Hunt and officials at Public Health England (PHE) not to give the report to MPs, who will begin the obesity inquiry tomorrow, was "outrageous" and would set back efforts to tackle the issue.

Obesity campaigners described the disclosures as "shocking". Tam Fry, from the National Obesity Forum, said: "We cannot but assume its evidence supports the idea of a sugary drinks tax and that would embarrass David Cameron who has already flatly, and rashly, rejected such a tax."

PHE's review of the evidence about how to reduce the population's sugar intake examined the merits of higher taxes on sugary drinks and sweets, reduced standard portion sizes or action on discounted deals.

The review was due to be published

last July. But Mr Hunt and Duncan Selbie, the chief executive of PHE, have refused to hand over the report, letters seen by *The Daily Telegraph* disclose.

In a series of exchanges, Dr Wollaston, a former GP, said there was a "clear public interest" in publishing the information without further delay.

"In keeping with the Government's stated policy of increasing transparency within the NHS and medical research, I believe that the department should lead by example and allow the public as well as Members of Parliament full and timely access to the report," she wrote in a letter to Mr Hunt.

But she was rebuffed by the Health Secretary, who wrote back that the review was "integral to ongoing policy development" and would be published later this year, alongside a government strategy on childhood obesity.

In a furious letter to Mr Selbie on Friday, Dr Wollaston suggested the failure to publish the report raised questions about whether the independent agency had come under pressure from ministers. She asked the senior health official to consider his own duties to the public and hand over the document.

"Sending the wrong message on timely data transparency... could cause immense damage and call into question the ability and willingness of PHE to act on publication in the public interest independently of the Secretary of State or political considerations," the letter stated. Dr Wollaston said she did

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Derbyshire: why my mastectomy is good news



Broadcaster Victoria Derbyshire in her NHS hospital bed hours after she underwent a single mastectomy. The stills are from a candid video diary about her experience, which will be screened on *The Victoria Derbyshire Show* on BBC Two this morning. Although she is still awaiting further tests, she says she is optimistic, and wants to reassure other sufferers that 'cancer is manageable'. Health: Page 21

Rose: Patriots should fight to stay in the EU

By Kate McCann SENIOR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

IT IS "patriotic" to fight to remain in the European Union, Lord Rose, the chairman of the In campaign, will say today as he describes those who want to leave as "quitters".

Launching the Britain Stronger In Europe campaign, the former Marks & Spencer boss will insist that voting to stay in does not make him "any less British" and claims that to leave the EU would be "a leap into the dark".

His speech comes as it emerged that



Leaving the European Union would be a leap into the dark, says Lord Rose, the former boss of Marks & Spencer

Karren Brady, one of the most high-profile backers of the In campaign, previously called MEPs "distant, self-important and all but ignored" and that they were "fiddling us left, right and centre". David Cameron's small busi-

ness ambassador also bemoaned the lack of accountability in Brussels, claiming, "things may or may not get done but we never know by whom", and adding that the power rests instead with "the upper ranks of its bureaucrats", not Britain.

Lord Rose will also tackle accusations he was once a member of the anti-Europe group Business for Britain.

He will say: "Those of you who know

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MPs put squeeze on Watson

By Christopher Hope and Ben Farmer

MPs WILL today demand that Tom Watson apologise in the House of Commons for his role in forcing police to question Lord Brittan over allegations of rape.

The Labour deputy leader's intervention in the police investigation, which was reopened even though officers had decided there was no case to answer, has come under increasing scrutiny in recent days.

The pressure will intensify today when Sir Nicholas Soames and other

Tory MPs pursue a series of points of order to force Mr Watson to apologise for telling "monstrous lies" about Lord Brittan.

Mr Watson is also likely to face grilling from an influential MPs' committee over his role in publicising unsubstantiated allegations about an alleged VIP paedophile ring operating around Westminster in the Seventies and Eighties.

The former Conservative home secretary went to his grave with the shadow of a rape allegation hanging over

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Emissions tester paid £80m by car firms

By Lyndsey Telford, Claire Newell and Edward Malnick

THE state agency that carries out emissions tests on new vehicles has been paid more than £80 million by car companies over the past decade, a Greenpeace investigation has revealed.

The Vehicle Certification Agency – whose chief will appear today before a Commons committee looking at the Volkswagen scandal – has reported a year-on-year rise in profits, receiving almost £13 million in 2014-15 alone.

Campaigners claim Europe's national certification agencies are competing

so fiercely for business that it is not in their interests to catch out carmakers. Samples of new cars must undergo checks by approval agencies to ensure they meet European performance standards. Once a car has been "type approved" by the manufacturer's chosen national agency, it can be sold anywhere in Europe.

"Car makers are able to go 'type approval shopping' around Europe to get the best deals for them," said Greg Archer, of campaign group Transport & Environment.

"No one is checking that type approval authorities are doing an impar-

ial or good job and this needs to change," he added.

Last month Volkswagen admitted that it had systematically installed software in VW and Audi diesels since 2009 to deceive regulators who were measuring exhaust fume output.

Since 2005 the VCA – an executive agency of the Department for Transport – has received a total of £84 million from "product certification/type approval" services, said Greenpeace.

It claimed yesterday there was "a conflict of interest". A Greenpeace spokesman said: "The Government's testing regime failed the public. The

question is why? Our evidence suggests it's not actually in the VCA's interests to catch out the carmakers.

"Their business model – and it has become a business – is to attract manufacturers to test their cars with them. It's a conflict of interest."

It said the proportion of VCA income derived from carmakers through type approval work has risen in the last 10 years from 52 per cent to 70 per cent.

Greenpeace also claimed there was a "revolving door" between the VCA and the car industry.

It said the VCA's outgoing chief executive, Paul Markwick, its interim

chief executive, Paul Higgs, and its chief operating officer, John Bragg, had held senior positions with big car manufacturers.

Today MPs on the Commons transport committee will question VW bosses, Patrick McLoughlin, the Transport Secretary, and Mr Higgs, the VCA's acting chief, over the violations.

A Department for Transport spokesman said the VCA charged carmakers in order to cover its operating costs and to provide value for taxpayers.

He added: "Whilst the VCA charges the industry for its services, its governance framework is set by government."



Road to demolition Glasgow's Red Road flats topple as they are demolished by controlled explosion. The tower blocks, which were a landmark on the city's skyline, were built in the Sixties to help solve a housing crisis, but quickly became associated with social breakdown, crime and vandalism. Thousands of people gathered yesterday to watch the destruction of the last remaining towers – although two stubbornly remained partially upright.

'Wanting EU reform is not the same as wanting to leave'

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me will know that I am not an uncritical fan of the European Union. Far from it.

"Wanting reform, however, is not the same as wanting to leave."

He will claim it is "utter nonsense" to suggest that voters must choose between Britain and Europe and add that Europe brings £450 worth of

benefits to each UK household every year.

"To claim that the patriotic course for Britain is to retreat, withdraw and become inward-looking is to misunderstand who we are as a nation."

Lord Rose will add: "I will not allow anyone to tell me I'm any less British because I believe in the strongest possible Britain for business, for our security and

our society. The quitters have no idea whether we would be able to access Europe's free trade area, or what the price of admission would be."

The In campaign, backed by Tony Blair, Sir John Major, Gordon Brown and former Army chief Gen Sir Peter Wall, has won over Danny Alexander, the former Liberal Democrat chief secretary

to the Treasury, and Lord Mandelson. It will also announce a group of cross-party political champions including Chuka Umunna, Labour's former shadow business secretary, new Conservative MPs Flick Drummond and Ben Howlett and the Lib Dem peer Jim Wallace.

They join Caroline Lucas of the Green party and Damien Green, the Conservative MP, who are both on

the board of Britain Stronger in Europe.

Meanwhile, Ken Clarke, the former chancellor, has warned Britain would be worse off if it voted to leave the European Union.

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NEWS BULLETIN

Bercow back with his wife after her affair

John Bercow, the speaker of the House of Commons, has reportedly repaired his marriage following his wife Sally's infidelity with his cousin.

Allegations that she had been having an affair with Alan Bercow, a lawyer, emerged in May. Mrs Bercow said at the time her husband was a "very forgiving" man but added: "I'm not sure I want to be forgiven."

The couple are now thought to be living together again at the Speaker's Westminster residence following a string of trial weekend get-togethers after Mrs Bercow described single life as "excruciatingly painful".

Put a tin hat on and cut tax credits, Osborne told

Kenneth Clarke has urged George Osborne to put on a "tin hat" and hold firm on cuts to tax credits despite fears of a backlash from voters.

Mr Clarke, chancellor under John Major in the 1990s, accepted that the changes – part of a package involving a £7.20 living wage for the over-25s – would be "unpopular" and would have unpredictable effects. But he told *The Andrew Marr Show* on BBC1 that the current system was "subsidising low pay" and reform is "essential".

"My advice to George is put your tin hat on, get on with it," he said. "Don't put it off because in the short term it is going to be unpopular."

Excessive gaming harms exam results, study finds

Frequently playing video games undermines a child's GCSE performance, a Northern Ireland study has found.

Less than half of children who used gaming devices twice a day achieved five good grades compared with three-quarters of those who played rarely, the survey of 1,000 pupils showed. No link was found between use of social media and exam performance.

Celine McStravick, of the National Children's Bureau in Northern Ireland, said: "We need parents and carers to step in and limit excessive amounts of time spent gaming."

Tory activist accused of attacking women

The Conservative Party is investigating claims that an organiser of its election campaign tour bus attacked and threatened young female voters.

Mark Clarke, 37, ran the party's Road Trip 2015 and was photographed meeting David Cameron at last year's Tory party conference. Mr Clarke, who was tipped by *Tatler* for a Cabinet post, says he has been suspended over the allegations.

The *Mail on Sunday* newspaper interviewed two women who alleged improper behaviour against him. They claimed the attacks took place during stops on the party's road trip UK tour.

Policeman shot dead at domestic disturbance

A policeman has been shot dead in the Republic of Ireland after responding to a domestic disturbance.

The gunman, who was on bail awaiting trial for dissident republican terrorism, is believed to have taken his own life after shooting the garda and a woman.

The dead garda, a married father of three in his thirties, was one of a number of officers called to the house in Co Louth amid reports of a domestic disturbance yesterday evening.

The woman, believed to be the gunman's partner, was said to have been seriously wounded in the shooting.

Countess inspired by daughter's sight battle

Sophie, Countess of Wessex has told how her daughter's sight problems inspired her to campaign for the visually impaired.

Her daughter Louise, now 11, was born prematurely with a condition that left her with a "profound" squint. She told the *Sunday Express* it took time to correct the condition, "but she's fine now, her eyesight is perfect".

Sophie is patron of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness and ambassador for Vision 2020, which aims to eliminate avoidable blindness in the next five years.

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Hunt should practise what he preaches

Comment



By Sarah Wollaston
CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMONS HEALTH COMMITTEE

SITTING on the desk of Jeremy Hunt is a detailed and impartial review of the international evidence on measures which could reduce our consumption of sugar.

But the Secretary of State for Health is refusing to publish this study – compiled by Public Health England (PHE) – despite repeated requests to make it available to the public.

This matters because the public health community and campaign groups need to be able to access unbiased evidence to fully contribute to the Government's forthcoming childhood obesity strategy before the ink is dry on the paper.

It also matters because an important principle is at stake around the transparency of evidence and data.

The Secretary of State regularly speaks of the need for timely publication of data by NHS staff, even if that is inconvenient or embarrassing for the organisations concerned – and we rightly no longer accept that pharmaceutical firms delay or conceal evidence from their clinical trials.

Leadership on transparency however, has to come from the top.

It sends a dangerous message when NHS staff see delayed publication of data on NHS finances and now an unreasonable refusal to share key evidence on reducing sugar.

This week the Commons health committee begins its inquiry into what

should be included in the childhood obesity strategy. This will also be Parliament's response to the e-petition signed by 147,000 people, initiated by Jamie Oliver and Sustain, which calls for a tax on sugar-sweetened drinks.

Why should campaigners be denied access to an important evidence base paid for by the public purse for the benefit of the nation's children? Given the refusal of Mr Hunt to publish, the health committee has formally requested Duncan Selbie, the chief executive of PHE, to use his powers to do so. At the time PHE was set up as an executive agency of government, there were concerns about the possibility that ministers might lean on officials.

For this reason it was made explicit that its credibility would be based on its "expertise, underpinned by its freedom to set out the evidence, science, and professional public health advice it presents without fear or favour".

Mr Selbie has, however, agreed with Mr Hunt it is inappropriate to publish in advance of the obesity strategy.

He should re-read the framework agreement which sets out PHE's operational autonomy and which requires him to operate "transparently and proactively and provide government, the NHS, Parliament, public health professionals and the public with expert, evidence-based information and advice".

The wider public health community will not understand a refusal to use his powers to publish this evidence.

Mr Hunt must practise what he preaches on timely transparency of data and evidence.

If he will not do so, the chief executive of PHE needs to act in the public interest and do so in his place.

Sugar report 'being delayed'

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not know whether the evidence in the review supports a sugar tax, but said she was "suspicious" about why the report kept being delayed.

Dr Wollaston said yesterday: "This is a disgrace – it sets such a dangerous precedent. There is an extraordinarily important principle at stake here." She said PHE had a duty to publish the evidence "regardless of how inconvenient it might be". A spokesman for the Department of Health said: "We are work-

ing closely with PHE and their evidence on sugar reduction is integral to our policy development to support our childhood obesity strategy. It will be published alongside the strategy in the coming months."

A PHE spokesman said: "The letter from Dr Wollaston arrived on Friday. The chief executive will reply shortly."

◆ Two thirds of the population, 36 million men and women, will be overweight or obese by 2025, figures from the World Obesity Federation suggest.