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Supplementary forecast information release

We are releasing the information below following a request for further detail underlying the March 2012 *Economic and fiscal outlook*. The OBR will where possible meet requests to release supplementary forecast information, where this will improve the quality of public debate on the public finances. Our full release policy can be found on our website.

Tobacco consumption assumption

The forecast for tobacco duty in Table 4.7 of the March 2012 *Economic and fiscal outlook* is based on the forecast growth in consumption of tobacco multiplied by announced or projected duty rates.

Cigarette consumption is assumed to decline over the forecast period as a result of the combination of the overall declining trend for smoking and real price increases.

	Underlying cigarette clearances (billion sticks)
2010-11	45.3
2011-12	41.2
2012-13	39.4
2013-14	37.8
2014-15	36.3
2015-16	35.5
2016-17	34.7