



General Secretary of Health Services  
Child and Adolescent Health Service

Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Ministry of Public Health

No.	Question	Answer
	<p><b>To the Honourable Minister of Culture:</b></p> <p>Attention honourable head of publications: With all due respect, the minister of public health asks the other ministries' cooperation in filling out the World Health Organisation's survey regarding cigarettes and other derivations of tobacco.</p> <p>We hereby ask you to answer the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Is it legal to advertise cigarettes through domestic audio and visual media?</li><li>2. Is it legal to advertise cigarettes through international audio and visual media?</li><li>3. Are there programs regarding the harms of tobacco (cigarettes) in the audio and/or visual media?</li></ol>	<p>Cigarettes are included in those tobacco products whose usage has been forbidden legally. And due to the harms caused by it the state media is in some ways advertising against it and measures have been taken towards banning smoking in offices where the other staff and citizens could be endangered.</p> <p>There are no advertisements encouraging cigarettes in domestic media but since it has commercial values they are being advertised by international media, which is not allowed either, but on the other side there are advertisements warning against its dangers and reminding of its disadvantages.</p> <p>[Signature and stamp]</p>