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Chairman's introduction

COMEAP is an Advisory Committee of independent experts that provides advice to Government Departments and Agencies on all matters concerning the potential toxicity and effects upon health of air pollutants.

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Most members are appointed as independent scientific and medical experts on the basis of their special skills and knowledge. The one exception to this is the public interest member of the Committee who is appointed for knowledge of consumer, and other, matters. At all times individuals are required to declare conflicts of interest and during discussions they may be disqualified at the Chairman's discretion from contributing to the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee.

The independent members are supported in their work by a secretariat provided by the Department of Health. The secretariat have scientific expertise that enables them to provide members with comprehensive background information and briefing papers that inform the decision-making processes of the Committee.

- [Cardiovascular Disease and Air Pollution - A report by the Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants and Appendices](#)
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