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Dear Sir or Madam,

30th November 2009.

In November 2007 The House of Lords recommended that **'research to identify the substances produced during a fume event be completed urgently'**.

Cranfield University have been tasked to find out this crucial information – Fume events are known to contain visible toxic chemicals but to date have got diverted into testing many 'normal' flights over a long period of time to try and find the frequency of fume events, which is not what the House of Lords recommended.

This tactic has meant that the House of Lords, aircrew and passengers are still unaware of exactly which chemicals and concentrations are present in fume events.

Cranfield University have advised the BBC that results will be known within six months from September 2009 and also are on record as agreeing to publish any significant information as it is such an important issue, if it becomes available.

Meanwhile, Professor Muir of Cranfield University has let the BBC know that 'there will be organophosphates found in the cabin air of airliners' indicating that they have already detected organophosphates.

I am writing to request the present measurements of chemicals and concentrations in a fume event but specifically organophosphates as measured by Cranfield University. It has been on record since early 2007 that a 'fume event' can be staged on the ground by using a BAe 146 at any time.

These chemicals are dangerous nerve agents and if breathed as visible smoke have been known to make both aircrew and passengers gravely ill. It is generally accepted that there are no safe levels of exposure, so detection of any organophosphates or any other toxic chemicals should be made known to those who are breathing them, as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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Cc Lord Tyler, John Maples MP, Julian Brazier MP, Norman Baker MP, Tobias Ellwood MP.

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