



"Re: URGENT- Lord Archer / Contaminated NHS blood and blood products - Deadline: Wednesday 21 February"

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William

Here are a few thoughts from me:

- we should not be bounced into an over-hasty reply - unless someone can see a tactical advantage in replying tomorrow

- we should treat this, and any further requests for information, in the same way as an FoI request - swiftly (within 20 days), efficiently, and within reasonable cost limits
- check for precedents and elephant traps with DCA - the owners of FoI and wider legal, constitutional and "inquiry" issues
- MS(PH) should offer to meet Lord Archer in due course, if he would care to call
- Lord Archer may wish to put in FoI requests
- no-one from DH should attend as a "witness"
- consider whether a DH official should observe proceedings from the public gallery.

I hope this helps!

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