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BLOOD TRANSFUSION VICTIMS INFECTED WITH HIV

Thank you for your letter of 12 February.

2. I am bound to say that I remain keenly aware of the difficulties in drawing watertight borderlines in this area. However I accept your judgement that you will be able to defend a borderline including within it all those infected by HIV as a result of blood transfusion: on the basis of your assurance that there will be no further extension to other groups, I am content that you should proceed.

3. I note also that you will fund the settlement from your existing provision. I understand that our officials have been in contact with the other health departments, and that they will also be in a position to fund their share of the settlement.

4. I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, David Hunt and Ian Lang.

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