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1. You sent David Hagger a copy of your revised submission. I am now the MCA lead on this issue.
2. I am concerned that your redraft did not take account of the LA or CSM views on the current development in this litigation. You will no doubt have seen a copy of Mr Gutowski's minute to me (copied to Mr Canavan) dated 29 June 1990 (further copy attached for ease of reference). We have also prepared suggestions on your latest draft, giving the MCA viewpoint, but, for reasons outlined below I am not passing them on at this stage.
3. On consulting the notes of the meeting with Leading Counsel on 4 July 1990, we have reservations about your interpretation of Counsel's advice.
4. In particular, I find great difficulty in accepting paragraphs 10 to 12. The LA and CSM are not aware of the options quoted or their source. My understanding was that Leading Counsel stressed that, if Ministers were minded to consider a change of tactics involving compromise, we must first refer to Counsel for full consideration of viable options.
5. I am most unhappy with your references to no fault compensation and would fully endorse Mr Wilson's views expressed in his minutes of 5 July 1990 and 10 July 1990.
6. I understand that you wish your submission to be in Ministers' box for this weekend. However in view of my stated reservations I propose a meeting of all interested parties with a view to arriving at a concerted line. Despite a small risk of Justice Ognall's comments being publicised, I do not see that we need to rush the submission.

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