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### **COMPENSATION FOR HAEMOPHILIACS WITH HEPATITIS C (HCV)**

1. You have seen the Permanent Secretary's comments on my draft submission. On the second and third:-

- (a) I will point out that there could be as many as 10 times the number of people infected with HGV as with HCV through blood transfusion, and the effect of this on the costs
- (b) Our understanding is that the Treasury paid for the first £20,000 ex gratia payments, and that the Scots pay for their own blood transfusion cases, but that we paid all the lump sum settlements and fund the Macfarlane and Eileen Trusts in full.

2. The main purpose of this minute, however, is to seek your comments on a revised section on a "discretionary scheme". This is attached. Could I have comments by close tomorrow, please.

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