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HIV/AIDS LITIGATION

MS(H) has seen your submission of 26 June and has commented:

For the present

- I agree with the line proposed at Paragraph 9.
- I am cautious about the line at Paragraph 11. I believe HAS act under our guidance in such matters. Equally though I do not favour offering any indemnity at this stage.
- I would not wish to pursue the West German scheme. But I would welcome a checklist of information as to how other countries with this problem have dealt with the matter.
- The infection of haemophiliacs with the AIDS virus is a great tragedy - one of the worst medical tragedies of recent times.

In the longer term Mr Mellor has said that he is not convinced that this approach will be adequate. Mr Mellor would like a meeting to discuss this in early September. Mr McHugh will be contacting you to arrange this.

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