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Rowena - Please can we see Annex C with the costings.

I am concerned about the costs for this because the last I heard, the 2010-11 budgets were still not in balance, so I think it will be very difficult to find this funding, especially as this is a very substantial funding pressure.

I am copying to Paul Stocks who may have a further view on the 2010-11 position, but I doubt it will be very different to my own.

Have you been able to identify any funding in HIP resources, or has David Harper indicated that he will be able to make resources available?

We can discuss the payment for future years further. We secured this for Thalidomide because there was an economic case for doing so, but Treasury generally does not accept this approach, and has turned down other similar cases.

I think we will need to reconsider the financial advice in the submission, but lets look through the figures and consider what else we can do.

Thanks. Henry

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Please review the attached document.				
Dear All,				
I attach a first draft of a submission to MS(PH), which the minister wants next Wednesday, and which addresses the initiation of an early review of the Skipton Fund, an ex-gratia scheme to make payments to people infected with hepatitis C through contaminated blood.				
Most of you are expecting this, although my apologies to Natalie , as I have not had a chance to speak to you. You will see there is one question on which I'd like your advice (para 9b)				
Anne - thank you for assisting in Graham Kent's absence. I hope this is sufficient in conjunction with the Skipton Fund papers that I sent you yesterday for you or a colleague to be able to advise on the questions for SOL, with the exception of the one for Natalie.				
Henry/Ed - you will spot that the current draft deals only with one of the requests for advice made by MS(PH). I am working on the other at the moment, but it will have no additional cost implications for DH.				
I'd be very grateful for your comments against the specific DNs asap - today if possible please - and I expect to be able to circulate a revised draft with completed annexes on Monday afternoon for final comment on Tuesday.				
Many thanks, Rowena				
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