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Clare

We spoke yesterday about our need for staff to help on blood work. I have left a message on your voice mail this morning. The note from Rebecca Spavin in Lord Warner's office (attached below) is the one I referred to in my voice mail message. I do not think it will be terribly helpful for private offices to contact CMO or Hugh Taylor. I hope we can sort it out ourselves (with your help of course).

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All,

Please find the link to the transcript of the Lord Jenkins of Roding question in the HoL yesterday.

http://www.parliament.the-stationery-office.co.uk/pa/ld199900/ldhansrd/pdvn/lds06/text/60524-03.htm#60524-03_star0

As MS(R) explained in his answer he avoided any significant commitments, set out that he would be in discussions with MS(PH) and explained that time was needed to assess the content of the returned files.

Whilst sympathetic to the fact you were not the officials that caused this problem and that resources are an issue both MS(PH) and MS(R) were instant that more proactive measures are taken to appease the Lords that are campaigning on this issue.

Actions:

1. Private offices will contact CMO and Perm Sec office to set out the seriousness of this issue and that this may need him and Hugh Taylor to step in. During this we will ask CMO office to contact the Scottish CMO to receive an update.
 2. MS(PH) and MS(R) asked that officials contact their line managers about required resources.
 3. A joint letter from MS(PH) and MS(R) on the FOI request and that documents will be released by June 20. electronic signatures will be used.
 4. We would be grateful for this by **4pm Thursday 31 May**.
 5. It was agreed that an independent person, possibly someone from the Information Commission would conduct a 'stocktake' of the documents - to ensure their safe handling know that they have been returned.
 6. A joint paper to MS(PH) and MS(R) that can be sent to SoFS that
 - sets the scene
 - reviews the content of the returned files
 - provides information on the returned files (i.e. what % are they of the destroyed volumes)
 - discusses the possibility of conducting a Public enquiry.
- We would be grateful for this note by **4pm Friday 16 June**.

Becca
Many Thanks

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Becca

I attach a revised briefing pack. This reflects all the points raised by Lord Warner.

*I have revised the reply

*Incorporated a line that MS(PH) has sought advice etc... (page 7). The briefing already covered the fact that we have three FOI requests for these papers (also on page 7)

*updated pages 31 -32 - Background to the question - to include briefing on the points raised about the papers that have been returned. As requested this includes advice which we agree with from SOL.

Thanks

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