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Dear Minister,

I enclose the Additional Report on Compensation under section 24 of the Inquiries Act 2005.

I thank you and the other witnesses who provided evidence to the Inquiry for this Additional Report and the very many people infected and affected who contacted the Inquiry over the past months with their concerns, questions and suggestions. I hope that the Additional Report will prove a constructive contribution towards making compensation faster, and more than that, fairer.

The recommendations in the Additional Report seek to correct obvious injustices and further speed up compensation, in addition to the actions you have taken. You explained when you gave evidence that your test for decisions about the compensation scheme is that any decision should not cause even greater delay for justice. I am confident that these recommendations should not cause such delay.

The underlying themes which run through this Additional Report are the need for transparency, involvement, listening rather than simply hearing, and recognising and remedying injustice. You have been clear about the need for a changed culture in the public sector. Truly involving people infected and affected in how the state recognises their losses would start to turn the page on the past.

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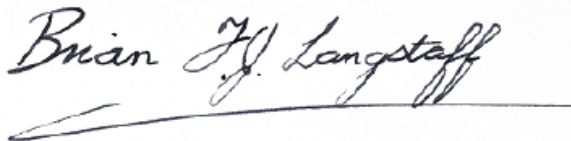
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The Additional Report necessarily only addresses issues that have arisen during the making of the Regulations and award of compensation to fewer than 500 people infected and registered with the support schemes. More issues will inevitably emerge and individuals – like the mother quoted at the end of the chapter on *HIV transmitted before 1982* – should not feel that they are alone when this happens.

One of my recommendations is for the Government and IBCA to establish a mechanism by which individuals or organisations may raise concerns about an aspect of the scheme which is troubling them, and have them carefully considered and answered. The Inquiry's role will be complete once there is a suitable mechanism for concerns to be raised, listened to and acted upon.

In light of the circumstances in which the need for this Additional Report arose, as well as the Inquiry's ongoing preparations for archiving, I am not yet able to notify you under section 14(1a) of the Inquiries Act 2005 that the Inquiry has fulfilled its terms of reference but I hope to be able to say this autumn that the Inquiry's work is indeed complete.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Brian F. Langstaff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Sir Brian Langstaff

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