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HIV/Donation Testing

Dear John

"AIDS"/donation testing/funding

I promised to update you on the position following the latest Expert Advisory Group's deliberation in the DHSS this week.

I'm afraid that we will have to accept that the very nature of the exercise ahead of us must mean that we cannot move forward on a precise financial footing. None-the-less there is now a need to take formal steps towards the releasing of funds for the purchase of "AIDS" testing kits. I would therefore ask you to liaise with colleagues in SHND on the basis of the following assumptions:

- (a) Each donation will cost £2.00 (I believe this to be too high but it should cover repeat testing).
- (b) That we will begin to make a tentative start in the 3rd week of September 1985.
- (c) That full testing will begin on the 1st October 1985.

With these assumptions in mind then I would advise that you create a new budgetary head ("AIDS TESTING DISPOSABLES") and make provision for the following allocation (in pounds):

	Sept	Oct - March	Totals
Aberdeen	2,750	5,500/month	35,750
Dundee	2,400	4,800/month	31,200
Edinburgh	6,700	13,400/month	87,100
Inverness	1,200	2,400/month	15,600
Glasgow	11,600	23,200/month	150,800
PFC	nil	200/month	1,200
GRAND TOTAL			£ 321,650

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I have copied this letter to Mr Murray and Dr Forrester, for information purposes only.

Many thanks for your help.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely

John D Cash

cc Mr S Murray)
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