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AIDS TESTING

Thank you for your minute of 25 July.

I agree that the sum of £16,792 should be made available to Lothian Health Board for the purpose of confirmatory testing, and that this should come from the money available for New Developments in Health Care. Since I understand that this will mean that your budget will be technically over-committed, I am prepared to underwrite an overspend up to that amount in the current year. In practice, however, I would expect that your traditional underspend will mop up most, if not all, of that amount.

As to the mechanics of getting the money to the Board, I assume that, as is the usual practice, you will be writing to them soon to confirm the offer. If you would at the same time advise the Board that their financial allocation will be adjusted accordingly (by way of an end-year adjustment), they will know to call down resources as and when they are required.

If there is any difficulty in proceeding in this way, please let me know.

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