



**"RE: DE00000288056 Request for Contribution - Contribution due: 17/03/2008 - FOI re blood meetings and advice"**

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SubjectRE: DE00000288056 Request for Contribution - Contribution  
due: 17/03/2008 - FOI re blood meetings and advice

Zubeda,

Please could you let me know whether you still want advice in view of William's comments? It would be helpful if you could provide some background information also. The note from CMO includes advice to Ministers. There is a working assumption that there is a strong public interest in withholding such information and that there is a need for substantial and material public interest arguments going towards disclosure. It appears to me that the appropriate exemption would be under section 35 rather than 36 - as information relating to the development of policy. Presumably this advice helped inform policy decisions about whether to make payments to infected haemophiliacs? Section 36 could be relied on in the alternative.

If you do propose to disclose this information I will need to check that MOJ are happy with the disclosure and not concerned that it would dilute the approach usually taken with regard to advice to Ministers.

I am happy to discuss.

Thank you.

Karen

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Please see below an FOI case requesting the advice from the CMO given to SoS in 1990 regarding the HIV litigation.

I have found a copy of the advice - (see enclosed). I would be grateful for your views on whether this information should be released under FOI. Given the circumstances under which the advice was given and in light of the current campaign it has been suggested that we could withhold this information under Section 36 " Prejudice To Effective Conduct Of Public Affairs"

I would be very grateful for your advice by Wednesday 17 March if possible.

Many thanks

Zubeda

(See attached file: content.pdf)

Zubeda Seedat  
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----- Forwarded by Zubeda Seedat/PH6/DOH/GB on 14/03/2008 15:40 -----

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Subject  
DE00000288056 Request for

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17/03/2008 - FOI re blood  
meetings  
and advice

You have been asked to contribute to case DE00000288056. Please return your contribution by 17/03/2008.

Dear Zubeda,

I would be grateful for your contribution for the attached FOI.

We may not be the data holders for the Barcelona conference from 25 years ago; also, this may already be in the public domain.

The second part, on CMO advice to SofS may require some advice from the FOI unit if it is controversial.

Happy to discuss,

William

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