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From: PS/SofS

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**PROPOSED NATIONAL BLOOD AUTHORITY**

Thank you for your minute of 4 February setting out the Regional Chairmens' views on the proposed NBA. In the light of these the Secretary of State is content to proceed as set out in PS(L)'s submission of 21 January. I note we have a question from the opposition spokesman on the order paper asking for an update about this so we will need to discuss handling carefully. The Secretary of State will not want to announce this in that reply but equally we will need to see if holding over the announcement will be disingenuous. I am copying this note to the Parliamentary Clerk asking for him to keep me involved in the answer put forward to the Cook question.

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