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Dear Secretary of State,

HEPATITIS C LITIGATION

Thank you for your letter of 5 April about the judgement handed down last week on Hepatitis C litigation. I have noted your decision, on legal advice, not to appeal against the judgement.

2. You have recognised that the judgement carries potential financial implications. I should be grateful if your officials would agree with mine on an analysis of the cost implications of the judgement. However, I can give no undertaking that the financial implications of the judgement will be met from the Reserve.



3. I am copying this letter to the Lord Chancellor, Stephen Byers and Sir Richard Wilson.

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(Approved by the Chief Secretary
and signed in his absence)