

*Yemi - suggest you do
a letter asap acknowledging
receipt today & gently
advise to H&C
as was delayed as it went to
in Lincoln. Don't know if we can
answer this?*



FROM: THE RIGHT HON THE LORD MORRIS OF MANCHESTER AO QSO

INTERNAL

Ms Gillian Merron MP
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3 March 2010

Dear Ms Merron

I am writing for Lord Morris – who is meeting commitments away from Westminster – to acknowledge your letter of 23 February which reached me here for him earlier today.

Having faxed your letter to him, he has asked me to say that he will be in touch with Eddie O'Hara about it as soon as possible and that meanwhile it would be helpful for him to see your response to the request from Kay Maher of the Department of Health and Children in the Irish Republic for the parliamentary record to be corrected vis-a-vis your statement to the House of Commons on 1 July 2009 [Official Report col.130 WH] as referred to in Lord Morris's speech here when moving the Second Reading of the Contaminated Blood (Support for Infected and Bereaved Persons) Bill [HL] on 11 December 2009.

For convenience I am enclosing the Lords' Hansard report of the debate, having sidelined (see cols. 1263-4) that part of his speech which deals with Ms Maher's request which is, of course, a deeply serious one, involving as it does her closely documented implication that the House of Commons was misled.

Alf Morris assumes that – with your Ministerial responsibility – you will have read the Lords' Hansard report of the debate here on 11 December in which Lord (Peter) Archer, a former Senior Law Officer of the Crown, Lord Rooker and other very senior privy councillors spoke.

Yours sincerely

GRO-C

Judy Phillips
Secretary to Lord Morris of Manchester AO QSO

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