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Richard G and D,

Thanks for the notes on the legal advice plus the financial implications (attached below).

SofS is due to speak to SofS at DWP in about an hour's time. He may then want a meeting with officials to discuss, although he has said that given both the precedent on HIV and the likely Scottish decision to now go ahead, it looks as though we will on the basis of fairness have to go down the compensation (ex-gratia) route. If so, it is likely SofS will want to announce this at the same time as any Scottish announcement.

I guess potentially this could be later this week, when both SofS at Scottish Executive Ministers will be in Glasgow for the NHS confederation conference. Grateful if you could start working up the details of such an announcement so we are ready to go if need be. I'll keep you posted re feedback from the DWP phone call.

Many thanks,

Sammy

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As requested I attach a copy of SOL's initial comments on Law Officer's Opinion. As you are aware Law Officer's advice cannot be made public but in any event my guess is that Scotland would now need to discuss with DWP the issue of whether any financial assistance scheme would count as a benefit scheme. Nothing will happen quickly as they have not as yet received a copy of the Opinion. Martin Campbell is preparing the financial costings separately. We need to sit down with all interested parties and consider what our position would be if Scotland decide to go ahead. A considered submission can then be prepared for SofS.

Richard

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Please see attached minute from Mary Trefgarne.

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I've not had chance to clear with Liam



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