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Dear Harold

## ANTI-HCV TESTING OF BLOOD DONATIONS

Thank you for your memorandum of 22 January.

I am unable to give you a date in which we could commence testing for anti-HCV, until we have definitive information on financial arrangements to cover screening, supplementary tests, counselling, follow up, etc. We are extremely busy with our Business Plans and contracts as well as dealing with the extra workload incurred as a result of the Gulf War and we cannot give anti-HCV screening the priority required by the Department of Health.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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