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Dear Brian

AIDS

The DHSS leaflet will be issued to NBTS RTDs some time next week (they should also be delivered to our HQ Unit). The following points arise:-

1. Sometime next week the "English" Minister will make a statement on AIDS.
2. In the first instance Ministers feel that the way the leaflets are distributed should be left to the discretion of individual RTDs.
3. The Scottish Minister will not make a separate statement but the Scottish Information Office will issue a press release (based on the "English" Minister's Statement).
4. The "English" Minister has instructed that NBTS RTDs do not respond to any subsequent policy questions from donors but that they should refer these questions to DHSS. SHHD feels that the same approach should apply in Scotland but that the questions reach the SHHD via the HQ Unit.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

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PP John D Cash

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