

From Ron Pavell - 2.30pm 12/12.

HIV Haemophilic Litigation

PRESS RELEASE

1. The Plaintiffs' Steering Committee make the following response to the announcement in Parliament by the Secretary of State for Health in respect of this litigation.
2. The Steering Committee wish to make it clear that their earlier proposals having been rejected, on 9th November 1990 the Plaintiffs' Counsel, on the instructions of the Steering Committee, put forward figures at which they would be prepared to recommend a settlement to their clients. These figures reflect the legal hurdles which the Plaintiffs must surmount in their litigation against the Government and the low levels of damages prevailing for personal injuries. The figures do not represent proper compensation in moral terms for this appalling tragedy - that is not their purpose.
3. The Steering Committee will now convey the detail of the proposals to their clients and seek their instructions, and have no further comment to make at this time.

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