



**"Re: Lord Owen PO on destruction of papers - John Hutton's comments"**

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Jill/Zubeda

Many apologies for the extremely long delay in getting back to you about this - I think we need to have a short note to PS(PH) suggesting a way forward. As it is Lord Owen who has written in I don't think we can really say that this is still an ongoing investigation. Am I correct in remembering that we didn't find the papers and were therefore at a loss about how to take forward without it looking quite bad?

I know how busy you are at the moment but it would be really helpful to have something for PS(PH)s last box which is next Tuesday the 16th. Please give me a call so we can discuss.

Regards

Rob  
GRO-C

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**Zubeda Seedat**  
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Robert,

Please see attached from Jill. We would be very grateful to have a steer on the Peter Burgin report. You will see from the attached that we have held back on a PO. However, Lord Owen is now chasing for a reply to his letter dated 7 October.

Thanks.

Zubeda

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**Jill Taylor**  
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Robert

We received a PO letter from Lord Owen on the internal investigation on self sufficiency (the Burgin paper). A response (attached in the email below).to letters on this subject had been agreed with PS(PH) during a meeting she had with Richard in July. Your note of the meeting in your email of 9 July on Blood Issues states "Lord Owen - Not a priority" .

We were expecting PS(PH) to sign off the Owen letter (she has done one to another MP very recently) however it went to John Hutton for signature and he has rejected our response and has asked for a full explanation of Lord Owen's accusation. We could go back to him and explain that Lord Owen's alleges that his papers, when he was Health Minister, were "pulped" and provide him with a copy of the meeting note between Connarty, Morris (Owen failed to attend) and Hazel Blears in July 2002 (attached) where the matter was discussed, however all of this highlights the issue that the "Burgin" report has not been published and he may well raise this with PS(PH).

We would be grateful for a steer on this please, are we to hold the line as given in the rejected letter and provide John Hutton with all the background information or do you think PS(PH) will want to take any action on the report?

I only have a hard copy of Lord Owen 's letter but if you wish to see it I can fax it through to you.

Thanks

Jill



Connarty-Morris- Blears meeting July 2002.doc

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Thank you,  
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