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Re: Infected Blood - Thursday Box Submissions & Briefing

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Hi team,

Many thanks for getting this up to us. MCO has read out on these submissions with the following:

1. Initial Decisions and WR

- MCO made some edits to the WR letter, which I have reflected in track changes.
- Let me know if you are content, and I will go back to GRO-D and say that MCO is content for the WR to be issued so she can proceed with sorting out advice for the PM.

2. Opposition Briefing

- As mentioned, MCO would like to receive lines on whether the Post Office compensation scheme will require legislation [complete].

3. Expert Panel

- The advice is for him to establish an 'independent expert body' to finesse the scale of awards for both the infected and affected. How do we define 'independent'?
- MCO assumes we will inform appointees of the scope the HMG compensation scheme before the appointment. That being the case he sees no prospect of it remaining confidential.
- Appointing them without briefing them in advance is highly likely to result in fall-out prior to (or on) announcement.
- Is there any prospect of us appointing experts direct to work for CO without saying they are an independent body? This is not in accordance with Sir Brian's recommendation but neither is what is proposed.
- Given the discrepancy between Sir Robert's recommendations on the affected and the current HMG proposal, it may be better to either (a) establish an expert body for the infected (where we are, at present in size) or (b) do not establish a separate expert committee if this will slow down the process and simply lead to a further body with which HMG may be required, on fiscal grounds, to disagree.
- MCO wants to agree to all the recommendations, but can we at least discuss these concerns first GRO-D / *flagged that he would like to discuss this (and the other subs) at tomorrow's weekly update meeting*].

All the best,

GRO-D

On Thu, 19 Oct 2023 at 12:42, GRO-D <GRO-D@cabinetoffice.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi GRO-D

Please see attached for submissions from the Infected Blood Response team as discussed:

1. Submission: 'Infected Blood Inquiry Response - Initial Decisions for Collective Agreement'. For readout Monday 23rd October.

- Annex A: **WR Letter**
- Annex B: **WR Proforma**
- Annex C: **'Infected Blood Inquiry Response - Decisions Required'**

2. 'Submission: Expert Committee' - for readout Monday 23rd October.

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3. Opposition briefing - for meeting Monday 23rd October.

Kind regards,

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