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Mr Longfield

BLOOD PRODUCTS - AHG

Your minute of 21 May (received today) refers.

2. Mr Lawrence had already mentioned to me the revenue consequences of the allocation of £0.5m for blood products in 1975/6. As I explained to him the history of this allocation is that a submission to Ministers was made at the turn of the year when Mr Jordon-Moss was conducting an SDG exercise on revenue and capital expenditure priorities in 1975/6. The submission was in response to an urgent request from Ministers for the Department to make proposals for an expansion of NHS blood products for which money would have to be found. As a result £0.5m was pre-empted for 1975/6 expenditure before the exercise which was looking at priorities for expenditure that year had really got under way. This pre-emption had to be accepted at the time and for the same reason we have to accept that the revenue consequences of the 1975/6 expenditure pre-empts our consideration of expenditure on central reserves in 1976/77. In the circumstances I do not think that you require my formal confirmation that the allocation of £0.5m of products can be made but for what it is worth you certainly have my confirmation that this should proceed.

27 May 1975

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cc Mr Jackson ✓
Mr Lawrence
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Miss Lewis - for file