

Witness Name: ROWENA
JECOCK
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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

SECOND WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ROWENA JECOCK

I, ROWENA JECOCK will say as follows:-

1. I am making this second statement following a Rule 13 request dated 4 April 2022, which notified me that I was subject to criticism in the written statement of Peter Stevens of 27 January 2021 (at paragraph 164 of his statement).
2. The criticism, made by Peter Stevens in relation to my role as Head of Policy, Blood Safety & Supply at the Department of Health, was that I asked him for a copy of the document entitled "Scheme of payments for those infected with HIV through blood or tissue transfer" because the Department of Health could not find it. I have also responded to this criticism at section 88 of my third and main statement, but am responding separately in this second statement at the request of the Inquiry.
3. Mr Stevens was correct to say that I had asked for a copy of this document. The DH hard copy files for the Eileen Trust contained a copy of the Scottish scheme document, but I had not been able to find one for England, Wales and Northern Ireland. I do not remember exactly when I first realised the document was missing, but it would have been after I took over the AHO sponsorship business. I would likely have consulted my predecessor about the whereabouts of the document, although I do not specifically remember a conversation. My assumption was that the document had been misfiled. I continued to look for it as and when my team recalled hard copy files from the archive. I am sure it was some considerable time later when I eventually requested a copy from Mr Stevens, presumably when it became necessary to refer to it for a particular matter.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed.. **GRO-C**

Dated.. 25/4/22