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LORD JUSTICE SCOTT'S ENQUIRY

1. Thank you for copying me the minute from Mr Lillywhite dated 243 November.
2. It is difficult to understand from the attached PQ exactly how far reaching this enquiry is to be.
3. Perhaps you could clarify the exact situation in respect of Ministers signing public interest immunity certificates.
4. I am not sure of how often Ministers sign PII certificates in legal cases.
5. My interest in this is that in the HIV haemophilia litigation Ministers signed PII certificates and a procedure was developed between DH and Counsel over what papers should be covered by PII certificates.
6. In the Appeal that followed the Judge's consideration of PII certificates, the appeal Judges all agreed that Ministers had a duty to sign PII certificates in respect of certain papers.
7. Happy to discuss further if necessary.

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