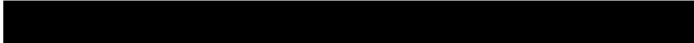


The Penrose Inquiry – Topic B2

Request for Information from Dr Brian McClelland

Request from Lindsey Robertson on 1 June 2011 for information following evidence given by Dr Boulton on 12 May 2011 at the second block of the Public Hearings.



The question posed is:

Dr Boulton refers to concerns about possible donations of blood from visitors to Edinburgh, including Americans, in the summer of 1982, around the time of the Edinburgh Festival. He states that doctors in the transfusion centre in Edinburgh were sufficiently concerned at that stage that there was in America a virus that may be associated with a socio-economic group that was likely to travel and if people from this group were minded to donate blood while they were in Edinburgh this could be a potential problem. Dr Boulton states that at this time Dr McClelland had very productive conversations with the gay community in Edinburgh. Please can you ask Dr McClelland if he is in agreement with Dr Boulton's recollection of what was happening in the summer of 1982?

Briefly, I think that reference to the attached statement indicates that Dr Boulton has recalled events of 1983 as having occurred in 1982.

Dr DBL McClelland
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