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Mr Calder

Copy to Dr Young  
Mr Tucker  
Dr Watt

*Mr Tucker  
Can you check for me HIV 2  
testing ~~specific~~ to hepatitis C?  
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ALT DONATION TESTING: PLASMAPHERESIS DONATIONS

Thank you for your minute of 6 February.

I apologise for raising the matter again but Mr David McIntosh, Manager of SNBTS, phoned again yesterday asking for a 'ruling' and wishing to be sure that by not doing ALT testing the PFC and hence the SNBTS, the CSA and the Department were not putting themselves 'at risk'.

I indicated that the Advisory Committee on Virological Safety of Blood (ACVSB) had not recommended surrogate testing for Non A Non B Hepatitis. As it looked likely that testing for Hepatitis C antibody would be introduced this Summer ALT testing was likely to be overcome.

I copy for your interest the correspondence I have had with Dr Pickles DoH in which she blames the MCA.

However, as PFC have product licenses for their intravenous immunoglobulin I feel we can let the matter rest there for the present - at least until the next meeting of the ACVSB on 24 April.

Grateful for your comments.

*And. D. D. J.*

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*Mr Tucker  
The test is additional  
HIV 2 tests for Aids.  
I will compile a  
glossary of terms  
and circulate it so  
that we know what  
the medics are  
talking about  
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