

Penrose InquiryResponse to email message from Janet Marsh to Susan Murray dated 17 October 2011 on topic C2 –ALT testing of plasma for fractionation

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1. To the best of my recollection the **1990** proposal, which enjoyed the support of DHSS members of the CBLA Board, was not implemented, perhaps due to concern raised by the SNBTS and some NBTS Directors, notably Professor Marcela Contreras.
2. I have no recollection of the outcomes of the **1994** deliberations of the NBA Working Group on ALT testing, and in particular the response of the NBA Board which met on the 18 April 1994. I have no follow up documents to my letter to Dr Gunson dated 18 April 1994. Professor Contreras and Dr Bill Wagstaff (both RTD members of the Working Party, and opposed to the proposition in 1990, are still alive and well) and could provide the necessary information. It is possible that once again this proposal was not implemented and this contributed to Dr Richard Lane's frustration, which in turn led him to publish an article in which he announced that he had always been opposed to the WHO concept of national self sufficiency and state plasma fractionation monopolies. This publication generated a response from Scotland. As I recall, soon after Dr Lane left BPL for a post in an international commercial plasma fractionation enterprise.
3. To the best of my recollection this 1994 NBA Working Group report was not subject to discussion at ACTTD.

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