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To: Thompson, Robert; Wiseman, Ross
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Subject: Re: For your review

Susan Bonnell reconfirmed for me today on the phone that once a letter was sent to physicians regarding patients, that they followed up with individual physicians to ensure that patients were contacted.

>>> Robert Thompson 6/6/2007 4:38:40 PM >>>

I like the idea of referring to previously released material. The only possible remaining question is whether some of the communications only went to physicians, raising the possibility that physicians did not contact patients. In other words, is it possible that some patients were not contacted at all?

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>>> Tansy Mundon 6/6/2007 4:08 PM >>>

Minister/Robert,

Further to the exchange in Question Period today where Gerry Reid said that Eastern Health is misleading the public in its full page ad by saying that they informed all patients and their doctors of their individual test results, Deanne Fleet asked for a response from Govt. She was unable to wait for the Minister to do an interview, but I indicated that we would send a statement to their producer. Here's what I'm suggesting. Please advise if you are okay with this.

Tks,
 Tansy

"As contained in a backgrounder to a news release issued on May 22, 2007 in which Government announced it would undertake a judicial commission of inquiry, Eastern Health contacted each patient who was affected by the ER/PR test review or their family physician to make sure they received all the information and support they required. They were told either one of three things:

- That their tissue had been retested and there was no change in the original results;
- That their tissue had been retested and that Eastern Health was recommending a change in their treatment; or
- That although there was a change from their original test result, no change in treatment was recommended."

CC: Hennessey, Moira