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To: Moira Hennessey
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Subject: Re: New Draft

Thanks. Good advice. There is no doubt there will be a review. The issue is what kind and what mandate. Can you tell me what you would recommend that would best address your concerns.

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Robert,

I think that Govt needs to take the time to assess the impacts of the type of review to be undertaken and the desired outcomes and not make a decision too quickly because the Opposition is calling for a full judicial inquiry and some media are focused on who knew what and when. The care of patients, and restoring confidence in the health system should be the primary focus of any review.

When Govt asked Eastern Health to hold a media briefing yesterday, I viewed this as the first step to restoring confidence in the health system. The Premier is quoted as saying that the health system should not be condemned because of the ER/PR testing results.

A legislated or non legislated review will send different messages to the health system and the public.

We should also consider the possible impacts of a legislated and non legislated review on the recruitment and retention of pathologists, oncologists and surgeons to this province. As you know, we continue to have many challenges in these areas.

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Robert,

The public will want answers to the same questions you raised in your briefing note. They will want the process to be independent of gov. and the eastern board, focus on questions they want answered, and they will want to see a report at the end. In my opinion, a non-legislated review could accomplish that.

There might also be some expectation that a review be open and transparent. My read of legislative option no. 1 is that the commissioner would determine whether a review would be open in whole or in part; and that for no. 2 the LGIC would determine that. [I don't know what degree of openness come with the non-legislative options.]

Two burning questions for many will be No. 9 and 10. In that context, their omission in any review could get a lot of attention.

Josephine

Tansy will provide comments and media analysis later this evening.

>>> Moira Hennessey 5/18/2007 5:39:37 PM >>>

Robert,

I have reviewed the attached and it reflects our discussion this afternoon. I have one comment-the issue should reference ER/PR testing as I don't believe the intent is to broaden the review beyond this specific testing.

A couple of minor edits-the last two items should be followed by a period.

Moira

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>>> Robert Thompson 18/05/2007 4:41 pm >>>

New draft. Please advise if there are any corrections needed. It was hard to blend the other questions here, but this draft allows for the full scope of the other questions to be addressed.

Moir, please pass on to Ed.

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