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Dear Assembly Member,

NHS REDRESS MEASURE

Many of you will know that since last autumn, a Committee Chaired by Jonathan Morgan AM, has been considering the principles behind the Proposed NHS Redress (Wales) Measure, which I introduced on 2nd July 2007.

A debate on the Stage 1 principles has been tabled for next Tuesday, 29th January. By way of information to support that debate, I am sending you a copy of an interim financial assessment, so that you may read it alongside the NHS Redress Measure Committee's report, which is due out by this Friday, 25th January. Members will have the opportunity to raise any questions on the financial aspects during next week's debate.

Using this information, I would then propose to table a finance resolution for 5th February before the Measure proceeds to detailed Stage 2 consideration.

The interim financial assessment shows both where we have been able to assess potential costs and savings now, and further work that will be completed by Easter. At that time, I will share with Jonathan Morgan's Committee and with the Finance Committee, a full and final financial assessment to enable them to take it into account before the Stage 2 deadline of 9th April.