

Chief Executive's Office
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MEMORANDUM

To: All Tynwald Members
From: David Killip, Chief Executive Officer
Date: 22 December 2009
Subject: Ending of Reciprocal Health Agreement

For the information of all Tynwald members, the Department is circulating the attached letter which yesterday was forwarded to Mr Andy Burnham MP, Secretary of State for Health, by the Chief Secretary's Office, on behalf of the Minister.



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**From the Office of the Minister
Hon W E Teare, ACIB, MHK**

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Dear Minister,

Termination of the Reciprocal Health Agreement between the UK and the Isle of Man

You will be aware that the Isle of Man Government received notice from Ms Dawn Primarolo that the Reciprocal Health Agreement between the Isle of Man Government and United Kingdom Government would be terminated with effect from 1st April 2010.

When this was first announced there was understandably, a considerable public outcry in the Island. In recent weeks there has been renewed public pressure not only from within the Island but from contacts in Westminster, who are concerned about the impact of the termination on UK residents, for the UK to be requested to reconsider its decision in regard to this matter.

The Isle of Man Government does appreciate that this decision has recently been confirmed by Gillian Merron, MP, who has since taken over as the Minister for State with responsibility for this policy area. Furthermore the Isle of Man Government also appreciates the longer period of notice which was given to the Island compared to the other jurisdictions with which the UK has terminated similar health agreements.

However, I understand that Andrew MacKinlay, MP has recently been made aware of this matter and he has advised me that he has raised this with you and following that discussion you agreed that you would be willing to meet with me to discuss this matter at an early opportunity. It is therefore within this context that I now write to follow up on your discussion with Andrew and to request such a meeting. If it would be helpful to you I would be willing to provide any information you would consider useful to assist you in your consideration of this matter.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future and can be available at short notice, for a meeting in London at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely



Hon W E Teare, ACIB, MHK
Minister for Health and Social Security