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Dear Ms Jack

Many thanks for your letter of 111209. I am glad you found the Public Meeting helpful, and I would like to thank you and your colleagues at NAT for your valuable contribution.

Your requests are reasonable, and I am happy to respond positively. As you may be aware, SaBTO will be looking at donor deferral again at its forthcoming January 2010 meeting. Members will be provided with a slightly modified version of the paper you mention from the July 2009 meeting of the committee. This will also be placed on the SaBTO website during January 2010, and I will ask the secretariat that you be forwarded a copy. Members will also be asked for their views on whether they would endorse an attempt to explore whether different specific sexual practices carry different risks. Finally, please be assured that a time-limited deferral remains an option for SaBTO's consideration.

All the material that SaBTO members see during the course of the review will be made publicly available. Please also note that a full report will be produced at the review's conclusion.

I hope you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely



Mr John Forsythe
SaBTO Chair