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Correction Coalition
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Dear Mr Sutherland

I am writing to provide you with some of the results of the fourth quarterly report for bloodborne viruses and sexually transmitted infections at the Alexander Maconochie Centre. All medical files for detainees resident at the AMC at midnight of 30 March 2010 were reviewed.

The key findings are:

- *not a single detainee has tested positive for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV);*
- *of those detainees tested, 61% of male detainees had screened positive for hepatitis C antibodies, and 55% of female detainees had screened positive for hepatitis C antibodies;*
- *an incident case of hepatitis C transmission has been identified; and*
- *82% of screened detainees have demonstrated immunity to hepatitis B.*

I anticipate being able to continue to send similar reports to you every three months throughout the 18-month evaluation process that the ACT Government has embarked upon.

Should you require further assistance in this matter, please contact my office in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Dr Peggy Brown
Chief Executive

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