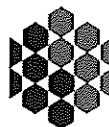


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**Minute to be presented to Members - Donation of Swine Flu Vaccine to  
World Health Organisation**

I would be grateful if the attached minute could be presented to Members of the Assembly. The UK proposes to make a donation of H1N1 (swine flu vaccine) to the World Health Organisation. The Northern Ireland share will be up to £550,000. In accordance with procedures for making a gift in excess of £250,000, the minute has been approved by the Minister for Finance and Personnel.

If during the period of fourteen days (exclusive of Saturdays and Sundays) beginning on the date on which this minute was laid before the Assembly, a Member signifies an objection by giving notice of an Assembly Question or of a motion relating to the minute, or by otherwise raising the matter in the House, final approval of the gift will be withheld pending an examination of the objection.

*By order,*

*Michael McGimpsey*

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## **Minute for Laying at Northern Ireland Assembly on 23 March**

### **United Kingdom - Donation of H1N1 vaccine to the World Health Organisation**

It is normal practice when a government department proposes to make a gift of a value exceeding £250,000, for the department concerned to present to the Assembly a Minute giving particulars of the gift and explaining the circumstances; and to refrain from making the gift until fourteen days (exclusive of Saturdays and Sundays) after the issue of the Minute, except in cases of special urgency.

### **Donation of Swine Flu Vaccine to World Health Organisation**

The UK proposes to make a donation of H1N1 (Swine Flu) Vaccine worth up to £25m to the World Health Organisation. The Northern Ireland share will be up to £550,000. [Note: This is a maximum ceiling, and the actual donation may be of lesser value. The vaccine price is commercial in confidence, though was agreed following a competitive procurement from a number of suppliers].

This will provide 3.8m doses of vaccine. This donation will contribute to saving lives and reducing the spread of H1N1 in developing countries. It will also reduce the likelihood of further viral spread, including that of a possible mutated virus over the next five years. Reducing the scope for mutation over this time period is important for global health, and will have an indirect effect on protecting the health of the UK population.

The Department is making this donation on a UK wide basis in consultation with the other UK Health Departments, who are similarly seeking their Parliamentary/ Assembly agreement to donating their Barnett share of this total.

The Department of Finance and Personnel has approved the proposal in principle. If, during the period of fourteen days (exclusive of Saturdays and Sundays) beginning on the date on which this Minute was laid before the Assembly, a Member signifies an objection by giving notice of an Assembly Question or of a Motion relating to the minute, or by otherwise raising the matter in the House, final approval of the gift will be withheld pending an examination of the objection.