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Dear Mr. Peck:

Thank you for your letter dated January 5, 2011 in which you raise several queries. The purpose of a Practice Memorandum is to provide specific policy direction and detailed legal and practical guidance to Crown counsel in the exercise of their discretion. In developing a Practice Memorandum on cases involving exposure to HIV/AIDS we recognize the need for consultation in developing well thought out and considered policy. Towards this end, we will seek the input of relevant, available and appropriate experts as well as consider the applicable case law. We will move at a pace which is as timely as possible allowing us to obtain the input needed to achieve the objectives of the Practice Memorandum. We welcome and value your input in this process. I will continue to be available to you by phone as the need arises and it would be my pleasure to meet with you further.

Yours truly,

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