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For the attention of Mr I S P Barker

Your Ref: ISPB.kes.0005940/Legal

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Dear Sirs

Gladys Richards – Inquest:

I refer to your letters of 12 and 24 March 2009.

I confirm that I have opened an Inquest into the death of Mrs Richards. This Inquest will be heard separately and subsequent to the “Gosport War Memorial Hospital Inquests”. Preparations for Mrs Richards’ Inquest is still at a very early stage and I can at present give no indication as to when the hearing date will be or, indeed, whether Dr Barton will be called to give evidence. However, I note your involvement and I will keep you informed of developments.

I have decided to deal with this case separately because from the evidence presently before me Mrs Richards’ death appears to be one that should have been reported to the then-Coroner, irrespective of whether any of the issues relating to the deaths being considered at the current hearings have any bearing on her death.

Yours faithfully

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