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CC: Richard Pebody [richard.pebody@ukhsa.gov.uk]; Netherwood, Trudy [trudy.netherwood@dh.gsi.gov.uk]
Subject: RE: question about MERS

Ailsa

Although I can see the merits of doing this, the pressures of Brexit mean that Parliamentary time, even for a simple negative procedure SI like this, is going to be incredibly tight throughout 2018 and the early part of 2019. Perhaps we should aim to make the SI in Spring 2019? Obviously if it becomes urgently needed before then, we could re-prioritise.

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Cc: Richard Pebody; Netherwood, Trudy
Subject: RE: question about MERS

Resending to correct address for Usman

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Cc: Richard Pebody; **Name Redacted**
Subject: RE: question about MERS

Afraid there hasn't due to Brexit pressures on legal and partly time, though think we all agreed useful to do. Something to come back to in 18-19 perhaps?

Catherine, Usman
Any thoughts?

Best

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Subject: question about MERS

Dear Ailsa

Last year we had some email correspondence about MERS becoming a notifiable disease and the virus itself becoming a notifiable causative agent.

You mentioned this was already under consideration. I was wondering if there have been any further developments in relation to that?

Thank you

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