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The August 18, 2006 Cabinet Secretariat briefing note was the first note to include data on the number of inaccurate test results. Of the 939 samples, results were available on 932. The note says that 208 cases had converted from negative to positive, but there was no recommendation for a change in treatment. It also says that 109 additional cases had converted from negative to positive, but did have a changed recommendation for treatment. 176 people of the 939 were identified as deceased.

The notes on November 23 include complete data for 939 cases, and show slight changes to the "converted cases" - with 213 having no recommended changes in treatment and 117 having recommended changes in treatment. This note also points out that 176 of the 939 people were deceased.

The key issue here is that government possessed reasonably complete data on August 18, 2006 showing the total rate of error and the recommended changes in treatment. This information was not reported in any notes prior to this date. The information reported on November 23 is very similar to the information reported on November 23. There is no explanation provided in the notes as to why the completed report took another three months.

We know from the notes that the changes in treatment were addressed directly through doctor-patient contact, so it appears that the timing of information provided to government did not have an impact on patient care.

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