

**Mr McKinlay's comments on the oral evidence given by Professor Angelini  
on 12 October 1999**

Line 0096/15

I said in my statement on Issue N, that I had a meeting with Professors Angelini and Farndon the week before the appointments committee for the new paediatric cardiac surgeon. That would have made the meeting on approximately 10 September. At that time, my recollection is that Dr Roylance had gone on holiday, but notwithstanding I have a clear recollection that he did not join the meeting with the two Professors.

Line 0105/22

I did have a meeting with the two professors, but Dr Roylance did not join the meeting. My recollection of the meeting is provided in my witness statement on Issue N. I do not recall any discussions on the interpretation of data.

Line 0145/22

I am not aware of the letter mentioned in this part of the testimony.

Line 0146/18

The meeting with Professors Angelini and Farndon was in September.

Line 0147/4

The same comment applies.

Line 0167/17 to Line 0171/4

I have covered these matters in my witness statement on Issue N. My reaction was limited to the neonate switch operation where I stated that in parallel circumstances in aerospace the activity, i.e. the neonate switch operation, would have been stopped. I did not say that I thought that paediatric surgery should be stopped, nor could I have done so on the information given.

Line 0193/7 to Line 0195/3

These have been covered in my witness statement on Issue N. As stated there, I was very annoyed to find that the investigation seemed to have used two different sets of data which had not been seen by everyone and had not been reconciled. The basis for my annoyance was that I felt that there was a problem and that the report gave the Trust a poor basis for taken the necessary steps to resolve the situation. Professor Angelini may have interpreted this as my being annoyed that he and Dr Bolsin had brought the subject to light. This is simply not so. I was annoyed – and still am – that between everyone involved a poor job had been done of analysing the situation. During the discussions, which were heated at times, I may well have been abrupt with the Professor over his somewhat cavalier approach to statistics. I think it is wrong to say that there was no formal outcome from the meeting. A protocol limiting the activities of the paediatric cardiac surgery unit was produced and agreed by all relevant parties.