

**COMMENTS OF DR STEPHEN JOHN PRYN  
ON THE STATEMENT OF DR PETER JOHN FIRTH BASKETT**

1. I have read the statement of Peter John Firth Baskett and am asked to comment in particular on paragraph 24. I assume that, in paragraph 24, Dr Baskett is criticising those cases of AV canal and arterial switch procedures carried out after September 1994, in the light of his observations at paragraph 22 of his statement. As I have described in my own statement, I share Dr Baskett's concerns about the poor outcomes in the complex paediatric cardiac procedures. However, I did not feel that I had the objective data to justify withdrawing my services, and indeed none of my more senior colleagues advised me to do so. I anaesthetised a child undergoing an AV canal repair in August 1994, although I had been given to understand that such patients were no longer being referred to Mr Wisheart for surgery.
  
2. As far as the case undertaken in January 1995, I was led to believe, as I have described in my statement (issue N paragraph 15) that the condition of the child in question was such that it was not appropriate to await for Mr Pawade's arrival, nor to arrange his transfer to another centre.

S J Pryn 7th Oct 1999