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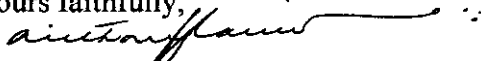
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Inquiry into Presumed Consent for Organ Donation

Dear Ms Lewis,
In Buddhism there are a variety of Traditions practising the teachings of the Buddha. Some traditions have "westernised" whilst others retain strong cultural links with their country of origin.

Each tradition differs in its views on Body Organ Donation and individual responses may vary according to different levels of practice within these traditions. In the light of this diversity there is a generally held feeling that in Buddhism each person, during their life and at the time of their death, makes their own decision as to what action they may wish to take in these matters of donating body organs.

The completion of this inquiry as an overall Buddhist reply would be inappropriate, but we would appreciate the views expressed above being given full respect and recognition in any verbal submission or in a subsequent report resulting from your enquiry.

Yours faithfully,


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