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TO : MS. Karen Struther; MP
CHAIR

RE : Review of Organ and Tissue Donation
Procedure.

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When making your recommendations on
organ donation, please consider this article
posted recently in the Courier mail.
Thank you.

Transplant almost a fatal move

PARIS The case of a man whose heart stopped beating for 90 minutes only to revive just as doctors were preparing to remove his organs for transplant is fuelling ethical debates in France about when a person is dead.

The 45-year-old man suffered a massive heart attack and rescuers used cardiac massage to try to revive him without success before transferring him to a nearby hospital.

When doctors started preparations to remove organs they were astonished to see the man was beginning to breathe unaided again, his pupils were active, and he was giving signs that he could feel pain.

Finally, the man's heart started beating again. Several weeks after the event he is now able to walk and talk.

The case has started debate among medical professionals and daily newspaper Le Monde dedicated a full page to the subject under the headline: "The organ donor wasn't dead". Le Monde said more than 13,000 people were waiting for transplants in France.