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FACTOR VIII

137 Mr Lewis Carter-Jones (La. Eccles)

To ask the Secretary of State for Social Services, further to his reply to the honourable Member for Eccles on 27 February 1975, if he will make a statement on his success in rendering the National Health Service self-sufficient in the provision of freeze-dried Factor VIII.

MR ROLAND MOYLE

The quantity of Factor VIII estimated in 1975 to be needed annually by the NHS in England and Wales was 375,000 donation equivalents. The current rate of production is estimated to be 630,000 donation equivalents annually, about two-thirds of which is the freeze-dried product. The extension of clinical requirements however means that self-sufficiency has not yet been achieved, and my Department is therefore reviewing production in relation to present demands and resources.

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