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## HAEMOPHILIACS: AIDS

Mr Alfred Morris (Manchester, Wythenshawe): To ask the Secretary of State for
W Health, pursuant to his reply of 1st February, if he will now provide information on
the employment prospects, insurance and mortgage status of people who acquired
AIDS from blood transfusions under the National Health Service.

## MRS VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY

[Holding Answer 6 February]

In my reply of 18 January 1990 to the right hon Member at Column 405 I pointed out that haemophiliacs are a group of people who by virtue of their haemophilia are already disadvantaged in respect of their employment prospects and their ability to obtain mortgages and life insurance. We have no evidence to suggest that those people who have become infected with HIV via blood transfusion were similarly disadvantaged, before the illness or accident leading to the need for transfusion.