

From : Hugh Rossi, MP.



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Mr. Spencer,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 28 April and for taking the trouble to write to me over two matters which concern you. It is of great value for me to hear from constituents on matters which trouble them, as it makes it possible for me to do my work as Member of Parliament more effectively.

On the two issues you raise, I must mention that I am a Minister in the DHSS, but on the Social Security side. This does, of course, mean that I cannot do what you ask and that is raise questions with my colleagues on the Health side on the Floor of the House. However, I can certainly put to him personally the question you wish me to ask, and will do so.

My own understanding, however, is that nursing assistants and orderlies have asked to be included in the Review Board for Nurses; and of course once raised the matter has to be considered. However, this does not mean that the Government will necessarily accept expanding the remit of the Review Board, and I will certainly make sure that the Minister for Health is aware of the feelings you have expressed on behalf of your profession.

As regards 'AIDS', I will ask for figures if they are available, and agree with you that it is an extremely worrying situation, particularly as I read in the weekend press that the disease is now being transmitted by blood plasma which has been imported from the United States.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. A. Spencer,

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