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## COMPENSATION FOR HAEMOPHILIACS

1. The Haemophilia Society seek a meeting with Secretary of State about compensation for haemophiliacs infected with HIV through use of blood products. Secretary of State has recently seen a submission on this subject.
2. The Society have now started their campaign proper, and this has prompted correspondence from MPs.
3. The Haemophilia Society have established credibility as a responsible body, and have in the past supported the Department on issues such as the safety of blood products.
4. They are an extremely adroit organisation, well aware that the media and many MPs will be sympathetic to their campaign. If they are refused a meeting, they are certain to bend this to their advantage and will claim this exemplifies a lack of concern by the Government.
5. Officials recommend a meeting before the next session so that Minister can demonstrate that he is personally aware of their case. The campaign booklet, and a copy of their most recent leaflet for members is enclosed together with a draft reply.

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