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LORD MORRIS OF MANCHESTER (LABOUR ):

The Lord Morris of Manchester - To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they are content with the administration of the Skipton Fund for ex gratia payments for hepatitis C infection by contaminated National Health Service blood and blood products; and what Ministerial surveillance there has been of its administration. (HL4570)

#### SUGGESTED REPLY

The Skipton Fund is an independent company set up to make ex-gratia payments to those people who contracted hepatitis C through NHS treatment. I am satisfied that the necessary arrangements are in place to handle the administration of the scheme and identify any potential cases of maladministration. My officials are in regular touch with the Fund in order to ensure proper surveillance and due diligence.

*Thank to me.  
This doesn't sound  
like there are  
satisfactory arrangements in  
place.  
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