

- you may also wish to consider sending - with Ministers agreement - a final draft to some of the people consulted - eg Frank Hill, Terry Snape, Karin Pappenheim for comments on factual accuracy.

As to the PQ, one possible response is to say something like:

'An informal review is being undertaken by the Department of Health to clarify the facts surrounding the drive for UK self sufficiency in blood products in the 1970s and 1980s. The review has been based on papers available from the time but has not addressed allegations that files from that period went missing. The outcome of the review has not yet been presented to Ministers.'

Hope this is helpful.

Charles

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Subject: PQ

Charles,

I attach the PQ which refers to the Peter Burgin report.

The Lord Clement-Jones - To ask Her Majesty's Government what review has been carried out of the circumstances in which files relating to liability for the supply of blood products, which were compiled while Lord Owen was Health Minister, went missing; and what has been the outcome. (HL3208)

Zubeda

PS: All very impressed that you are coming in this weekend!

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