

Mr. Harris.

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Supply of Plasma.

1. HS2 are the policy makers on this topic and Mr Collin may wish to follow up with them.
2. Earlier this year three Internationals asked HS2 for meetings to discuss what they could do to help the UK: -

Travenol - Kabir - Cutter.

S.D attended the meetings and I attache copies of papers relevant to Travenol's interest.

3. I do not know the exact position over fractionation.

Last year HS said BPLs were approaching their full production capacity and considerable investment would be required if the output of blood products were to be increased. At that time BPLs were producing the commercial equivalent of about £8 m. p.a.

It was estimated that a four fold increase would be needed of Albumin and a doubling of factor VIII.

No one, however, could say what the NHS was buying, so a survey was undertaken and the NHS was asked to tell HS what they purchased. I don't think the information has been found to be ^{too} helpful. [I would doubt any NHS figures]

I would guess that Factor VIII must be heading towards the £2 m. p.a.

4. I think it would be wrong of me to say which way HS are going on a possible joint venture with commerce. Once they have decided we could well be involved with contracts of some sort. If they go commercial, we could produce all we need if we had the money to develop facilities.

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