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Destroyed Documents (Blood Products)

Health written question – answered on 23rd May 2006



Jennifer Willott

Opposition Deputy Chief Whip (Commons), Shadow Minister (Education)

To ask the Secretary of State for Health whether her Department has carried out an internal review into the destruction in the 1990s of documents held by her Department relating to national health service blood and plasma products infected with HIV and hepatitis C; and if she will make a statement.

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Caroline Flint

Minister of State (Department of Health) (Public Health)

During the HIV litigation many papers were recalled, and following that we understand papers were not adequately archived and were unfortunately destroyed in error.

Officials subsequently established during the hepatitis C litigation that documents relating to the advisory committee on the virological safety of blood between 1989 and 1992 had been destroyed in error. Following this discovery, an internal investigation was undertaken in April 2000 by the Department's internal audit.

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