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HAEMOPHILIACS AND HEPATITIS C

1. I attach the relevant pages of Hansard covering yesterday's starred question on haemophiliacs and contaminated blood transfusions. Unfortunately, although I think PS(L) did as well as could be expected, it does not appear to have satisfied the Lords.
2. Lord Ashley has already tabled another question on the same subject for Tuesday, 21 February. His question reads:-

"To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will expand the role and funding of the McFarlane Trust, whose original purpose was to make payments to haemophiliacs infected with the HIV virus from contaminated blood transfusions."

Clearly it will be important for PS(L) to have as strong an argument as possible to answer this question and she would be grateful if you could start thinking about this now.

3. During the course of the debate Lord Cledwyn asked PS(L) about figures on Hepatitis C and HIV (as indicated on the attached Hansard copy). I would be most grateful if you could provide a draft answer for PS(L) to send to Lord Cledwyn by 14 February at the latest.

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