

Mr. Hagger
Dr. Rotblatt,

I have agreed this draft
with Scottish colleagues. If
you are content I will give
to Parly by Noon today.

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Lord Irving of Dartford:

To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will confirm that all plasma derived products, particularly Factor VIII and Factor IX concentrates, which are currently being distributed from blood products laboratories and commercial companies have been individually donor-screened for anti HIV [17 July].

PQ 5641

Lord Irving of Dartford:

To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will state the dates from which distributed products have been manufactured from donor-screened anti HIV plasma, both in the commercial market and in British products manufactured at blood products laboratories [17 July].

SUGGESTED ANSWER

It is necessary to distinguish Factor VIII and Factor IX from other plasma derived products as these are the only ones for which HIV transmission has been established.

Factor VIII and Factor IX are made by the Blood Products Laboratory (BPL) at Elstree for distribution in England and Wales, and by the Protein Fractionation Centre (PFC) in Edinburgh for distribution in Scotland and Northern Ireland. In addition, commercial Factor VIII is imported for distribution in England and Wales.

No commercial Factor IX is currently imported since it is not licensed in the UK. All Factor VIII and Factor IX manufactured or used in the UK is heat treated to inactivate HIV.

By the end of 1985 all commercially manufactured Factor VIII released in England and Wales was made from individually donor-screened plasma.

The heat treatment used by the BPL is more rigorous than that used in commercial processes. The BPL product has a good record of safety in clinical trials and has been shown to be safe when made from screened and unscreened plasma. All plasma processed at BPL since 2nd June ¹⁹⁸⁶ has been derived from individually screened donations.

Products derived from screened plasma will become available ^{from BPL} for distribution in England and Wales during August 1986. By December 1986 all issued products will be derived from donor-screened plasma.

All plasma processed at ~~PFC~~ since January 1986 has been derived from individually screened donations. By the end of August 1986, all products distributed by ~~PFC~~ in Scotland and Northern Ireland will be derived from donor-screened plasma.