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**SMOKING, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (SCOTLAND) BILL
INVITATION FROM THE HEALTH COMMITTEE TO REVIEW CALL FOR A PUBLIC
INQUIRY INTO INFECTION WITH HEPATITIS C FROM NHS TREATMENT WITH BLOOD
AND BLOOD PRODUCTS**

Thank you for your letter dated 10 August 2005 inviting me to give evidence to the Committee on the above topic. Having sought legal opinion, I am willing to attend such a session provided it is made clear that I will not discuss any issue relating to the ongoing petition for a Fatal Accident Inquiry.

I note you indicate that such a session would be arranged "well in advance to allow time for full preparation". Currently the proceedings regarding the FAI are not "active". Should the situation alter and the date become known and it is established that it would be after the proposed session, I may have to reconsider my position.

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