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an enquiry for S.G.S.
off office, but it was
be helpful to begin to
consider how to reply.*

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Dear Dr Macdonald

I am concerned to learn from people with haemophilia in Scotland that there appears to be a shortage of home-produced factor VIII and that the shortage is likely to be ongoing and that it will affect the availability of treatment for people with haemophilia.

While I am aware that there is an international shortage of factor VIII, unrelated to the Scottish situation, I am nonetheless anxious to know, officially, the reasons for the shortage in view of Scotland's track record in self-sufficiency.

I am copying this letter to the Rt. Hon. Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, since I am deeply concerned that patients in Scotland in a very much worse situation than those south of the Border on account of the shortage.

I would be only too happy to discuss the many issues involved with you or a member of your staff.

Yours sincerely

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David G Watters
General Secretary