



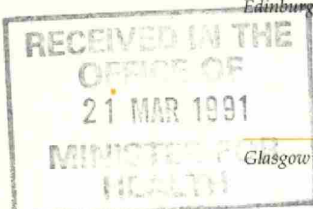
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Dear Mrs Bottomley,

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Compensation: HIV/AIDS
Whole blood transfusion

As you may know from Sam Galbraith, M.P., I am one of the Scottish Solicitors involved in representing those unfortunate enough to have HIV/AIDS through whole blood transfusion.

I enclose a copy of a letter which I have today sent to Mr Burrage of your Department and indeed I see the letter I received from Mr Burrage dated 26th February is a duplicate of that which you sent to Sam Galbraith on 19th February.

Apart from taking the matter up again with Mr Waldergrave, I am also bringing the whole situation to the attention of the Prime Minister himself. I already advised him of the situation in December and he courteously acknowledged the letter. As I have made clear to Mr Galbraith, since the test appears to be one of opinion in the House and public opinion, I see no difficulty in meeting that test and indeed am surprised that we shall have to take the time (which for my clients is very short) to do so.

Incidentally, I note with interest that Mr Burrage does not indicate how public opinion in respect of the tragic situation of the haemophiliacs was tested but if necessary I shall go to the lengths of a substantial media campaign to present similar evidence and I already know of cross-party support in the House.

I would welcome the further interest and comments of Mr Waldergrave and yourself in this sad situation.

Yours sincerely,

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