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Draft Written Questions

1. To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the written answer by Lord Darzi of Denham on the 16 June, what meetings with appropriate records took place between officials at the Department of Health and the Macfarlane Trust to retrieve and record the correct data to ascertain the average levels of disbursements paid to infected beneficiaries and to confirm the precise number of surviving infected beneficiaries prior to the publication of the ministerial response dated the 20 May to the report of the Independent Public Inquiry headed by Lord Archer of Sandwell.
2. To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the written answer by Lord Darzi of Denham on the 17 June, if officials at the Department of Health when discussing with the Association of British Insurers the general issue of insurance for haemophiliacs with HIV, supported by the Macfarlane Trust, that almost all those haemophiliacs were also infected with Hepatitis C.
3. To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the written answer by Lord Darzi of Denham on the 17 June, if the possible threat of V.cjd infection to the infected haemophilia community supported by the Macfarlane Trust had been taken into account by officials at the Department of Health when discussing the general issue of insurance for that community with the Association of British Insurers.
4. To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the written answer by Lord Darzi of Denham on the 17 June, how it was possible to state in the ministerial response dated the 20 May, to the report of the Independent Public Inquiry headed by Lord Archer of Sandwell, that "the increased payments we are making available will help people infected with HIV to meet higher insurance premiums they may face" when officials were advised by the Association of British Insurers that it was not possible to calculate the total cost of life insurance provision for patients with HIV or Hepatitis C or both by contaminated blood products as the premiums would vary for each individual and would be dependent on their particular circumstances.