

**Lord Stoddart of Swindon** asked Her Majesty's Government:

How many member states of the European Union voted to impose a 20 per cent. tariff on footwear from China and Vietnam; how many voted against the tariff; how many abstained; and how the United Kingdom voted. [HL4833]

**Lord Sainsbury of Turville:** Member states were consulted in the European Commission's advisory Anti-Dumping and Anti-Subsidy Committee on a proposal to impose a provisional anti-dumping duty at a rate of 19.4 per cent. for China and 16.8 per cent. for Vietnam on certain footwear with uppers of leather. The proposal is for the duty to be phased-in over a five month period starting at a rate of 4.8 per cent. for China and 4.2 per cent. for Vietnam on 7 April.

Three member states supported the Commission's proposal, 10 member states opposed and 12 including the UK abstained.

### Gulf War Syndrome

**Lord Morris of Manchester** asked Her Majesty's Government:

What legal advice they have taken on the actions of the Ministry of Defence since the Pension Appeal Tribunal's decision in the case of Gulf War veteran Mark McGreevy to allow his appeal; and when and from whom it was taken. [HL4774]

**The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Defence (Lord Drayson):** I am withholding the information sought as it is subject to legal professional privilege.

### Hepatitis C: Contaminated Blood Products

**Lord Morris of Aberavon** asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they are content with the administration of the Skipton Fund for ex gratia payments for hepatitis C infection by contaminated National Health Service blood and blood products; and what ministerial surveillance there has been of its administration. [HL4570]

**The Minister of State, Department of Health (Lord Warner):** The Skipton Fund is an independent company set up to make ex-gratia payments to those people who contracted hepatitis C through National Health Service treatment. In January 2006, Department of Health officials were notified about a fraud against the Skipton Fund. Officials in the department and the NHS Counter Fraud and Security Management Services are working with the Skipton Fund to ensure that the necessary arrangements are in place to handle the administration of the scheme and prevent potential cases of maladministration.

### Iraq: Military Casualties

**Lord Hanningfield** asked Her Majesty's Government:

Further to the Written Answer by the Lord Drayson on 13 March (WA 190), whether any internal guidance or any other form of briefing on the media handling of the death of the 100th British soldier in Iraq was issued by, or asked of, the Ministry of Defence; and [HL4713]

Whether any guidance, internal or otherwise, or any other form of briefing on the media handling of the death of the 100th British soldier in Iraq was issued by, or asked of, Number 10 Downing Street, including the Prime Minister's Private Office. [HL4714]

**The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Defence (Lord Drayson):** Within government, the Ministry of Defence is responsible for managing media interest in the deaths of British service personnel. The policies which govern this are set out in a joint service publication and emphasise the need, where possible, to respect the wishes of the families. Advice was provided to Defence Ministers on the 100th fatality in Iraq and was consistent with these policies.

### Iraq: Policing

**Lord Garden** asked Her Majesty's Government:

Further to the replies by the Lord Drayson on 8 December 2005 (HL Deb, col. 746), whether they will place in the Library of the House a copy of the selected conclusions of Sir Ronnie Flanagan's Iraq police review. [HL4946]

**The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Defence (Lord Drayson):** Sir Ronnie Flanagan's report on the Iraqi police service was commissioned as part of a process of internal review. As such, there are no plans to publish the final report. We will, of course, be reviewing the report's recommendations closely and will take appropriate action where necessary.

### Museums and Galleries

**Lord Inglewood** asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they plan to put forward a new Museums and Galleries Acquisition Fund to match the support announced for the National Sports Foundation by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 22 March. [HL4917]

**Lord Davies of Oldham:** We do not have plans to do so. The national museums and galleries sponsored by DCMS can purchase acquisitions using grant-in-aid, grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund or the National Heritage Memorial Fund, self-generated income (including bequests and donations) and grant from other sources such as the National Art Collections Fund.