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Written Answer  
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Mr Ernie Ross (Dundee West): To ask the Secretary of State for Social Services, on how many occasions discussion has taken place between his Department and private drug companies on proposals to sell-off out-of-date blood for the companies to recycle into reagents and blood products; if he will name the companies involved; and if he will now consider discontinuing such discussions.

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SUGGESTED REPLY—

The <sup>confidential</sup>  
Department held discussions with one British company which expressed an interest in purchasing outdated red cells surplus to NHS requirements for the manufacture of reagents. The company concerned (~~which it would be inappropriate to name~~) has since decided not to purchase the cells.

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