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Ibid., at p 436. See also para.[24]
Guest, Oxford Essays, p. 175

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- HC Deb. vol. 255 col. 841 (28 February 1995)
- HC Deb. vol. 561 cols. 1401-4 (28 February 1995)
- HL Deb. vol. 561 col. WA 92 (28 February 1995) (Italics for written answers)

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