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I attach a suggested reply.

We are still considering with the Macfarlane Trust the means of implementing the lump sum payments. It is likely that a new discretionary trust, or the Department itself, will have to make the payments to avoid breaching the terms of the existing Trust. MS(H) is considering this at present. The new arrangements will then have to be put in place and Social Security Regulations amended to disregard the lump sum payments for benefit purposes. It would therefore be unwise to give assurances that payments would be made before Christmas.

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WRITTEN ANSWER

Mr Alf Morris (Manchester, Wythenshawe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health if he will give an assurance that the ex-gratia payments of £20,000 to people with haemophilia who have been infected with the AIDS virus in the course of NHS treatment will be made to them before Christmas.

Mr Sam Galbraith (Strathkelvin and Bearsden): To ask the Secretary of State for Health when he expects the recent award to haemophiliacs to be paid to individuals.

Suggested Reply:

We are urgently considering with the Macfarlane Trust the best method of implementing these payments and we intend that they should be made as soon as possible.