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#### Payments to Haemophiliacs with HIV

MS(H) will wish to know that the arrangements were completed today for setting up the Macfarlane (Special Payments) Trust to administer these payments. I attach a draft PQ reply pursuant of the one given to Sir Michael McNair-Wilson on 26 January (see attached) which could be used to put the new arrangements on the Parliamentary record.

The level of Government grant and its effect on cash limits have already been covered in the Answer today concerning the Department's cash limits and running costs for 1989/90 (Copy attached)

The Department of Social Security expects to lay Regulations tomorrow and bring them into operation on 31 January. These will provide for Trust payments to be disregarded for benefit purposes. The Trust is planning to begin payments on 31 January. It is hoping to make 1,000 or so payments in the first two weeks and to have completed all but a few very complicated cases within a month.

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