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HIV HAEMOPHILIA SETTLEMENT

We expect that the new Macfarlane Trust will be set up tomorrow morning, but probably not in time for funds to be transferred. It is likely that funds will be transferred on Tuesday (7 May).

Secretary of State is asked whether he wishes an inspired PQ announcing the setting up of the Trust to be put down for tomorrow; or to wait until Tuesday when the funds have been transferred, and the Trust endowed with the £42m. A draft question and reply (assuming the question is answered tomorrow) is attached.

Because we assume that additional funds will be made available to the Trustees if further claimants are identified, Parliament will need to be informed in advance that a contingent liability will be incurred. A minute to that effect will be tabled shortly.

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