

Mr Jones SC2-GAU

From: Charles Lister HSD1

Date: 20 August 1999

SECTION 64 GRANTS: MACFARLANE TRUST CORE GRANT 1999/2000

1. Ministers have approved a core grant for the Macfarlane Trust of:

1999/2000	-	£187,000
2000/2001	-	£192,600
2001/2002	-	£198,300

No payments have been made to the Trust so far this year because the grant is over £100K and we have not yet sent you the necessary papers for approval. Unfortunately, we have mislaid the original grant application, and will need to obtain a copy from the Macfarlane Trust before we can complete the checklists, and this will hold up the process even further.

2. The Trust have now written the attached letter of complaint asking for payment of the first two quarters of the core grant by the end of this month. Given the circumstances outlined in the letter and the fact that the delay is entirely our fault, I would be grateful if you would consider authorising an interim payment of two quarters (£93,500) to be made to the Trust next week. We will then ensure that the Checklists are completed and sent to you for approval in the next few days.

3. Please let me know if you need any further information to support this request.

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