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From the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

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Mr Rev Tanner,

I understand that officials from this Department have been in discussion with the Trust recently about the level of the Trust's funding.

I appreciate the trustees' concern to ensure that the Trust remains able to make payments to those with haemophilia and HIV, and their families. I am therefore pleased to be able to tell you that we are now able to make a further payment of £2.5 million to the Trust. I have asked officials to arrange for this payment to be made as soon as possible.

This payment will bring to a total of £17.5m the monies the Government has made available to the Fund since it was set up in 1987. We will continue to keep under review the amounts available to the Trust.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Trust for the valuable work it does in providing for the special needs of people with haemophilia who have also been infected with HIV, and their families.

Yours Sincerely

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JOHN HORAM.