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Subject: END YEAR OUTTURN: POSSIBILITY OF FUNDING FOR EILEEN TRUST

Ian

I mentioned this to you recently and promised more information in writing.

The Eileen Trust is a sister Trust to the Macfarlane set up by the Department in 1993 with £500,000 to administer a fund for non-haemophiliacs infected with HIV through blood.

At 31 March 2002, the Trust Fund is forecast at £129,554. Total forecast payments in 2002/03 are £109,635. At the present level of payments, therefore, the Trust doesn't start running out of money until 2003/2004. However, the margin is too low for comfort. A new Eileen Trust registrant has emerged and, if the Trust do what they usually do and back-pay the registrant to the point where the HIV was identified, they will run out of funds before the end of 2002/03. I'd be grateful therefore whether you could see if there is any money available this year to give the Trust to ensure that this does not happen? A payment of £350K or £400K would see the Trust into 2006/07 but a smaller sum would address the immediate problem.

Happy to discuss options.

Charles