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Mr. Brendan Friel,
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10th June, 2004

Dear Brendan,

I refer to our meeting on the 25th May, 2004 and in particular our discussion regarding "nappy supplements".

I have carried out an analysis of the number of children aged 3 years and under - who were received into direct provision and who are still accommodated - each month since January, 2004. This analysis indicates that on average 101 children aged 3 years and under are placed in direct provision monthly.

For the purpose of this exercise it is necessary to isolate children who arrived post 1st May, 2004 - the commencement of the HRC. On the basis of 100 applicants every month the Agency estimate the cost of providing nappies through our contractors at an average of €1m annually. This figure is arrived at taking an individual weekly cost of €15 per infant and extrapolating 100 new children per month in our accommodation over a 3 year period.

In summary the Agency will require an allocation of €80,000 per month from the commencement of the new arrangements for the issuance of nappies through the direct provision portfolio. It will be necessary to allow sufficient time for logistical arrangements to be put in place to ensure that all centres are in a position to issue supplies on an agreed starting date.

Yours sincerely


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