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2 Mrs graham dr CAR BOMB IN NEWTOWNHAMILTON: 24 JUNE 1998

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## Summary

The Agency now has at hand the preliminary estimates of the cost of damage resulting from the car bomb in Newtownhamilton on the afternoon of Wednesday, 24 June 1998. There are expected to be around 170 claims totalling in the region of £3,250,000. The individual potential claims are as follows:

## **Estimated Extent of Damage**

Vallendale House Hotel 16 The Square	£405,000
, 12 The Square	£390,000
, The Square	£175,000
, 13 The Square	£87,500
11-13 The Square	£87,500
11 The Square	£57,500
7-9 The Square	£80,000
, 3-5 The Square	£110,000
The Square	£75,000
14 Armagh Street	£110,000
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, 2 Dundalk Street	£85,500
Armagh Street	£70,000
10 The Square	£155,000
6 Armagh Street	£82,000
4 The Square	£50,000
, 3-5 Dundalk Street	£60,000
Outer periphery, approximately 100 properties, say	£1,152,000
22 vehicles, mostly private cars	<u>£18,000</u>
Total, say	£3,250,000

2. The Agency's major incident team was activated and deployed to Newtownhamilton by 9.00 am on 25 June. An incident centre was set up in conjunction with the Social Security Agency and manned through Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Guidance was provided on compensation matters to all those affected by the bomb and advice given on immediate repair. In addition, the Agency's loss adjusters visited all sites of damage and will remain in and around Newtownhamilton this week and next and thereafter as long as needed.

3. Should the Minister of State wish to discuss any aspect of the compensation process in respect of these most recent claims, I am, of course, available at any time.

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