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PS/Mr Ingram (B&L)

**RESEARCH PROJECT**

Your minute of 5 November refers.

Please find attached as requested, a draft letter from the Minister to Kevin McNamara MP indicating that we have now commenced research into the funding provided to victim support organisations.

Signed

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You put down a series of Parliamentary Questions in July of this year on the broad subject of our policy towards victims of the Troubles in Northern Ireland.

The reply given to PQ No 857 was interim and, I indicated that I planned "to initiate an analysis of the number of support groups, organisations and agencies which assist victims of the conflict and their families and the funding which they receive". I am writing to inform you that this work has now begun. The research is being undertaken by The Cost of the Troubles Study and will be completed by the end of the year. A copy of the findings will be placed in the House of Commons Library.