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IRAQ RESERVE CLAIM

Further to your letter of 25 November, I am happy to agree to the claim of up to £2m for the security of CPA Secondes in Iraq.

2. The security of UK staff overseas has always been of paramount importance, particularly so after the recent tragedy in Istanbul, and as such I am happy to agree to the c. £2m claim for the construction of secure accommodation. As before, this money will come from the £60m Central Reserve funding that the Chancellor announced in the Budget for reconstruction and development in Iraq. My officials will be interested to see updates on how the project is progressing.

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3. In my letter to you of 9 September, I pointed out that I expect lead departments on Iraq to liaise and plan ahead now so that next year they can manage CPA Seconded costs from existing baselines. I trust that FCO and DFID officials are liaising accordingly.

4. I am copying this letter to Hilary Benn.



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