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**Laing SG (Shirley)**

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**From:** MacLean CR (Colin)  
**Sent:** 25 June 2004 18:33  
**To:** Byrne G (Gerald)  
**Cc:** Minister for Education and Young People; Laing SG (Shirley); McKinlay FE (Fiona); Mackay MJ (Marion); Press Education  
**Subject:** RE: List D

Thanks to everyone for the hard work done, especially in the last couple of weeks, to get to this stage. We are now at the stage where (subject to any views from FM) all of the preparation has been done. All that remains is to ensure coordinated distribution of letters / briefing before recess. If we miss that deadline, then we run the risk of further adverse publicity. I'm assuming Marion and David will ensure that does not happen! (Let me know early next week if there is a problem).

Thanks

Colin

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**From:** Byrne G (Gerald)  
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Colin

Just to let you know, the letters did not issue today as the FM did not see the latest (last?) draft. We have the letter to other interested parties ready to go. I also discussed it with INCAS on the telephone (before we were told the FM was going to have to approve) but I haven't called anyone else. I made clear to Alan Draper of INCAS that Ministers weren't committed to this yet and I was giving him a heads up on our latest position, so I think that's fine.

Dave Stewart reckons that it may well be Tuesday or Wednesday before these letters are cleared by FM.

Gerald