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Dear Tony

FUNDING OF SOCIAL ENQUIRY REPORTS

Thank you for your e-mail of 20 October to Maurice Williams confirming that the bid for funding in relation to piloting the new initiative to reduce the number of Social Enquiry reports being submitted in the Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority area is £38,166.

I am pleased to confirm that the Scottish Government is willing to approve the proposal for a period of six months to 30 June 2009. Payment will be made in six equal monthly payments of £6,361 less 2½% retention resulting in monthly payments of £6,202 commencing in January as part of the criminal justice social work services monthly grant allocations.

As Accountable Officer, you are responsible for ensuring that the budget made available for this pilot exercise is used to maximum effect and for considering the potential impact on your internal Section 27 allocations for next year which could arise from operating within a frozen SER ceiling. Additionally, as a condition of grant, you are required to establish a process that will enable you to collate the monitoring data and to assess the individual pilots, so that you can provide a short narrative report on the outcome to the Scottish Government **by 31 July 2009**.

Yours sincerely



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