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16th September, 1958.

E.G. McAteer, Esq., M.P.,
25 William Street,
LONDON DERRY.

Dear Sir,

I refer to your application for grant from my Committee towards the running expenses of St. Joseph's Home, Termonabacca. The Committee, as you know, agreed to make a grant of £1,000, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs. Sanction from the Ministry was sought on 29th April, and I now enclose for your information a copy of the Ministry's letter of 12th August, stating that approval cannot be given to the proposal.

The matter was considered by my Committee at its meeting yesterday and the Ministry's decision was noted with regret.

Yours faithfully,

R. H. Henderson
R.H.
Secretary.

Letter 63219.
"Hornell." Belfast.

in this communication should
be referred to

"THE SECRETARY"
in following reference quoted:

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13 AUG 1958
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS,
STORMONT,
BELFAST.

Northern Ireland.

12th August, 1958.

Sir,

With further reference to your letter dated 29th April, 1958, about a proposed contribution of £1,000 by the Londonderry County Borough Welfare Authority to St. Joseph's Children's Home, Termonbacoa, under Section 118(2) of the Children and Young Persons Act (N.I.), 1950, I am directed by the Minister of Home Affairs to inform you that, after giving the matter very careful consideration, the Ministry has decided that contributions under Section 118(2) of the Act towards the running expenses of a Voluntary Children's Home cannot properly be approved. It is accordingly regretted that the approval sought by the Welfare Authority in the present instance cannot be given.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

for Secretary

The Secretary,
Londonderry County Borough Welfare Authority,
Town Clerk's Office,
Guildhall,
Londonderry.

City and County Borough of Londonderry

Sir/Madam,

You are hereby requested to attend the Monthly Meeting of the WELFARE COMMITTEE to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, GUILDHALL, on MONDAY, the 15th day of SEPTEMBER, 1958, on conclusion of Meeting of Finance Committee summoned for 7.30 p.m.

BUSINESS:

- To take as read and confirm MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS of Monthly Meeting held on 21st July, 1958 (copy enclosed).
- Report from FINANCE COMMITTEE dated 15th September, 1958.
- Report from Secretary on MEMBERS OF STAFF ABSENT FROM DUTY IN CONSEQUENCE OF ILLNESS during the months of July and August, 1958.
- MONTHLY REPORTS from Welfare Officer (copy enclosed).
- BOND STREET HOME.
 - (a) Report from Ministry of Health and Local Government on inspection carried out by Ministry officials on 7th July, 1958.
 - (b) Report from Welfare Officer on the duties of Assistant Superintendent of Bond Street Home.
 - (c) Resignation of Mrs. Rutherford, Asst. Superintendent, Bond Street Home.
- APPOINTMENT OF CHILDREN'S OFFICER.
 - (a) Letter hereon from Ministry of Home Affairs dated 24th July, 1958.
 - (b) To consider applications, and if thought desirable, to interview candidates for the vacant post of Children's Officer (list enclosed).
- CHILDREN'S HOME, MOURNE DRIVE - OLD PEOPLE'S HOME, MELROSE HOUSE.
 - (a) Estimate from City Surveyor dated 22.7.58. of cost of redecorating Children's Home and Melrose House,
 - (b) To consider quotations for supply of continuous burning grate at Children's Home, with report from Housing Architect hereon.
- DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE. Report from Secretary on outstanding cases (copy enclosed).
- STAFF ESTABLISHMENT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT NO.146. Correspondence from Town Clerk hereon.
- ST. JOSEPH'S HOME, TEXMONDACOA. Letter from Ministry of Home Affairs dated 12.8.58. regarding proposed grant to St. Joseph's Home, Texmonbacoa.
- ULSTER INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF. Letter from Organising Secretary dated 26.8.58. requesting renewal of grant for current year.
- SEYMOUR HOUSE. Correspondence regarding letting of field at Seymour House.
- [REDACTED] CHILDREN. Letter hereon from Messrs H.C. O'Doherty & Son, Solicitors, dated 25th July, 1958.
- [REDACTED] Letter hereon from City Solicitor.
- BLACKDURN HOUSE. Letter from Hon. Treasurer requesting annual grant for year ending 31.3.58.
- CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION ON WELFARE OF HANDICAPPED IN N. IRELAND. Correspondence from N.I. Council of Social Service regarding Conference and Exhibition to be held at Queen's University, Belfast, on 1st and 2nd October, 1958.
- CONFERENCE FOR HOME TEACHERS. Letter from Secretary, North Regional Assoc. for the Blind, Leeds, in connection with Conference to be hdl in Belfast on 15th and 16th October, 1958. *Conference to be held at Harrogate for 15-16 Oct 58 - 10th Nov*

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City Accountant's Office,

Guildhall,

LONDONDERRY.

Ref. DCW/IN

14th February, 1962

The Secretary,
Welfare Committee

Nazareth House

I refer to the attached application made by Mr. E. G. McAteer, M.P. on behalf of the Nazareth House, Bishop Street, for a renewal of the grant made under the Welfare Services Act.

The Accounts and Statements submitted follow pretty much along the same lines as those for earlier years, and it is obvious that the Nazareth House Authorities are carrying out a great deal of work which would otherwise fall on the shoulders of the Welfare Committee at great public expense. It is particularly striking to note the numbers of old people accommodated at Nazareth House which far exceed, in number, those in the three Homes run by the Welfare Committee. In view of this, I feel that the request for a grant of £600 is reasonable and recommend your Committee to accede to the request.

If the Welfare Committee approves, I should like the matter to be dealt with by the Finance Committee on Tuesday, 20th February, and by the Council on 27th February, so that the grant may be paid during the current financial year.

Previous grants have been paid of £500 in March, 1961, and £500 in March, 1960.

I should be glad to have, for my file, the attached papers after they have been dealt with by the Welfare Committee.



CITY ACCOUNTANT

Encls.

City Accountant's Office,
Guildhall,
LONDONDERRY.

Ref. DCW/IN/80W/RA

15th February, 1963

The Secretary,
Welfare Committee

Nazareth House,
Bishop Street

I refer to application of 11th February, 1963 from Mr. E. McAteer applying for a grant of £600 on behalf of Nazareth House for the year ended 31st December, 1962.

The Accounts once again demonstrate that the activities of the Nazareth House Authorities relieve the Welfare Committee of work which would cost a considerable amount if it had to be carried out through the payment of public funds. It will be noted that there were 104 old people accommodated in the Nazareth House during the year, and while not all of these would be the responsibility of the County Borough, nevertheless many of them would undoubtedly have to be accommodated in Local Authority Homes if Nazareth House did not exist. I therefore recommend that the grant of £600 applied for should be made.

Previous grants have been paid of £600 in March, 1962 and £500 in March, 1961 and in March, 1960.

Please return the original papers for my file after they have been dealt with by the Welfare Committee. It would be helpful if the Finance Committee could recommend payment of the grant on 19th February for Council approval on 26th February.


CITY ACCOUNTANT

Encls.

LONDONDERRY COUNTY BOROUGH WELFARE COMMITTEE

WELFARE OFFICE,

1a HAWKIN STREET,

LONDONDERRY.

Our Ref: G.5.

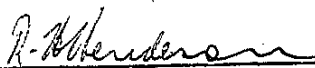
5th March, 1965.

To/
Town Clerk.

The Welfare Committee, at its Meeting held on 1st March, 1965, agreed to make the following grants for the year ended 31st December 1964:-

- (a) £1,000 to the Nazareth House, Bishop Street, Londonderry, subject to the approval of the Authority and of the Ministry of Health and Social Services;
- (b) £500 to St. Joseph's Home for Boys, Termonbacca, Londonderry, subject to the approval of the Authority and of the Ministry of Home Affairs; and
- (c) £800 to the Robert Byers' Memorial Hostel, Barrack Street, Londonderry, subject to the approval of the Authority and of the Ministry of Health and Social Services.

Please take necessary action.



Secretary

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City Accountant's Office,
Guildhall,
LONDONDERRY.

Ref. DCW/IN

12th February, 1965.

To The Welfare Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen,

St. Joseph's Home for Boys,
Termonbacca, Londonderry

Mr. E. McAteer, M.P., Accountant, writing on behalf of St. Joseph's Home for Boys, Termonbacca, has made application for a grant of £500 at least to the Home. Copies of the Accounts of the Home are attached from which it is obvious that considerable sums are spent on the maintenance of the Home and its residents.

Mr. McAteer states that there are at present 81 children in the Home, 20 of whom are in the 2-5 age group, 26 in the 6-10 age group, and 35 in the 11-16 age group. On 15th April, 1957, you made a grant of £250 to the Home with the approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs which was given under the provisions of Section 118(2) of the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1950. This Section states:-

"A welfare authority may, with the consent of the Ministry, make contributions to any voluntary organisation the object or primary object of which is to promote the welfare of children."

In the following year you agreed to make a grant of £1,000 to the Home subject to the approval of the Ministry. By letter of 12th August, 1958, the Ministry, however, stated that "after giving the matter very careful consideration, the Ministry has decided that contributions under Section 118(2) of the Act towards the running expenses of a Voluntary Children's home cannot properly be approved. It is accordingly regretted that the approval sought by the Welfare Authority in the present instance cannot be given."

Accordingly, the proposed grant of £1,000 was not made but from time to time you have paid to St. Joseph's Home for children who were placed there at the instance of your Children's Officer. Some £830 has been paid since that time for services rendered.

I am sure that the Committee appreciates greatly the work done by the Home, and I feel that you should agree to the payment of a grant of £500, subject to the Ministry's approval.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,


CITY ACCOUNTANT

COUNTY BOROUGH OF LONDONDERRY

Meeting of the.....WELFARE.....Committee
 on the.....1st.....day of.....MARCH,.....19..65

Proposed by.....James Hegarty.....

Seconded by.....K. Wilson.....

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR BOYS. Having considered application from Mr. E. McAteer, M.P., together with report dated 12th February, 1965, from the City Accountant, we hereby agree to grant to St. Joseph's Home for Boys', Termonbacca, Londonderry, the sum of £500, for the year ended 31st December, 1964, subject to the approval of the Authority and of the Ministry of Health and Social Services.

Passed,.....Samuel O'Connell.....Mayor or Chairman.

WELFARE OFFICE

COPY FOR SECRETARY, WELFARE COMMITTEE.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
GUILDHALL.
LONDONDERRY.

30th March, 1965.

Sir,

Welfare Grants.

My Council, at its Meeting held to-day and acting as Welfare Authority, agreed, on the recommendation of the County Borough Welfare Committee, to make grants for the year ended 31st December, 1964, as follows :-

- (a) Nazareth House - £1,000;
- (b) Londonderry Methodist City Mission (Robert Byers' Memorial Hostel) - £800;
- (c) St. Joseph's Home for Boys, Termonbacca - £500.

Your approval in respect of the payment of these grants is invited.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

A. Henderson
TOWN CLERK.

Secretary,
Ministry of Health and Social Services,
Dundonald House,
Upper Newtownards Road,
BELFAST, 4.

COPY FOR SECRETARY, WELFARE COMMITTEE

CITY ACCOUNTANTS OFFICE.
GUILDHALL,
LONDONDERRY.

DCW/IN

F.197/4
F.197/16

25th March, 1965

Dear Mr. McAteer,


Nazareth House and St. Joseph's Home

I refer to your letters of 6th February, 1965, in which you requested a grant of £1,000 for Nazareth House and £500 for St. Joseph's Home in respect of the year 1964. This correspondence and a report from myself had the attention of the Welfare Committee on 1st March, and it was agreed that the grants be made subject to the approval of the Council and of the Ministry. These approvals have been sought.

During the discussion, a question was asked as to the number of residents in each of the two Homes who originated in the City of Londonderry. I explained that there would probably be difficulty in ascertaining an exact figure, but nevertheless the Committee desired me to seek the information from you. I am also to enquire whether any other Welfare Committee makes a grant towards either Home.

The next Meeting of the Welfare Committee is due to take place on 2nd April, and I should be glad to have a reply before that date.

Yours sincerely,


CITY ACCOUNTANT

E. McAteer, Esq., M.P.,
Accountant,
25, William Street,
LONDONDERRY.

25, William Street,
Derry City,
N. Ireland.

1st April, 1965

The City Accountant,
Guildhall,
Derry.

Dear City Accountant,

I regret my delay in replying to your letter of 25th March and I trust that this will reach you in good time for the Welfare Committee meeting.

As you say, there is a difficulty about the figures particularly for the children. Thirty old people in Bishop Street were born inside the Borough but many of the others have been here for varying lengths of years. Twenty-five of the Bishop Street children were born in the city and twenty others have resided in the Home for more than 5 years. And of course a further number most certainly have city origin through one parent.

In Termonbacca only 10 were born within the Borough but about 30 others are born of Derry City mothers. A further number are thought to be attributable to Derry City fathers but statistics do not carry us any further.

No other Welfare Committee makes a grant to either Home.

Please ask the Committee to accept my thanks for the way in which the applications have been met.

Yours sincerely,

E. McAteer
E. McAteer

E. McATEER
ACCOUNTANT

PHONE: DERRY 3877

Ref. F.197/4

25 WILLIAM STREET,
DERRY CITY,
N. IRELAND.

Your Ref.

16th February, 1966

The Secretary,
Welfare Committee,
Guildhall,
Derry.

Dear Sir,

Nazareth House,
Bishop Street, Derry.

This is to make formal application for an increased grant of
£1,200 to the above.

The accounts for the year to 31st December, 1965 are not quite
ready yet but I will let you have them as soon as possible. In the
meantime the following details regarding the inmates (and place of
origin) will be useful to your Committee:-

Nursery Children (2 - 5 Years)	18	(1)
School " (5 -15 Years)	80	(17)
Girls over 15	24	(Nil)
Old Ladies	75	(5)
Old Gentlemen	33	(7)
	230	(30)

The figures in brackets are of cases originating outside
Northern Ireland.

If anything further is needed please let me know.

Yours faithfully,

E. McAteer

E. McAteer

City Accountant's Office,
Guildhall,
LONDONDERRY.

Ref. DCW/IN

6th March, 1967

To The Welfare Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Nazareth House, Bishop Street

Mr. E. McAteer, Accountant, has made application for a renewal of the grant of £1,200 to the Nazareth House, Bishop Street, for the year 1966. He has submitted a Statement of Receipts and Payments for the said year which indicates that a considerable amount of expenditure has been incurred in carrying out the work of the Nazareth House. Receipts for the year totalled £47,876 10 0 and expenditure £47,153 17 5. Expenditure includes the transfer of £4,375 to St. Joseph's Home, Termonbacca, and £1,514 18 3 to the Mother House. The Credit Balance at 1st January, 1966 was £509 9 6 and at 31st December, 1966 was £1,232 2 1. It should be noted that the receipts included an exceptionally large figure of £4,355 for Legacies.

Mr. McAteer indicates that 106 old people are accommodated at the Nazareth House, 94 of whom originated in Northern Ireland. These figures compare with 108 at 31st December, 1965, 96 of whom originated in Northern Ireland.

Having given consideration to the application, I recommend that the grant of £1,200 sought should be made, subject to the approval of the Welfare Authority and of the Ministry of Health and Social Services.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,



CITY ACCOUNTANT

Mr. ~~Tupper~~ R. 2/9/87
 I only received this file today - apparently Mr. Walker had
 been holding it. The Board has a degree of discretion - the use
 of funds - even earmarked funds. We have heard nothing
 of Mr. Wilson: from the Board. I do not propose to pursue the matter
 further. ^{21a.}
 To see Miss Jackson's minute & associated
 papers below.

The W. Bd received £65,000 shortfall; the
 letter of allocation indicated that this should be used
 "to provide additional assistance for voluntary children's
 homes". The only voluntary home in the W. Area is
 Nazareth House, Bishop St which at the end of the 1986/87
 financial year had an accrued deficit of approximately
 £240,000. The Board paid £47,642 out of its allocation
 (ie the deficit relating to 1985/86 only) to Nazareth House
 and £8,000 to Robane, Kirkcubbin in respect of an
 outstanding bill. The ~~Board~~ AGSS, Miss Lennex, is
 unable to say how the balance was used.

Although the Board's total allocation could
 have gone to Nazareth House, Robane was also a
 voluntary home (closed 31 Dec 1985) and I would accept
 that the £8,000 paid was properly used. Do you
 wish to take up the question of the balance with
 the W Board?

~~Mr. Tupper~~
 12/5/87

Mr Keenan 8/5.A1314/83NAZARETH HOUSE LONDONDERRY - ALLOCATION FROM SHORTFALL.

Miss Hanson's minute of 17th April 1987 refers. I spoke to Dennis O'Brien who has been in contact with Miss Lennox of the Western Board. The Board paid £47,642 to Nazareth House to cover the deficit for year ended 85/86. Dennis pointed out that the Home had an accumulated deficit and that £65,000 had been allocated to the Board from shortfall to provide assistance to voluntary children's homes. As Nazareth House is the only voluntary home in the Western Board area, the full allocation should have gone to it. When he asked what had happened to the rest of the £65,000, Miss Lennox told him that the Board had paid an outstanding bill of £8,000 to Rubane and she could not say what became of the rest of the allocation.

I attach a copy of a letter allocating to the Board a further £50,000 specifically for Nazareth House, which Dennis suggested to Miss Lennox could be used to increase per capita rates. A copy of Miss Lennox's response is also attached.

St Jackson
7/5/87.

Mr. Turner

You will wish to note Miss Jackson's minute above and the current position with the Fire Precautions work in the section below.

R. Keenan
11.5.87.

WESTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

Our Ref: HEL/JT

Your Ref:

DATE: 17th April 1987

15 GRANSHA PARK
CLOONEY ROAD
LONDONDERRY BT47 1TG
NORTHERN IRELAND
PHONE: CAMPSIE 860086 (11 lines)

PERSONAL AND STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. D. O'Brien,
Social Services Inspectorate,
Department of Health and Social Services,
Dundonald House,
Upper Newtownards Road,
BELFAST
BT4 3SF

Miss Johnson
Copies of letters
as requested.
W. P. O'Brien

Dear Mr. O'Brien,

NAZARETH HOUSE CAPITATION CHARGE

At an informal level I had promised to contact you regarding Nazareth House's capitation charge and would advise you that the monies we received were on a non-recurring basis and that means therefore, as a Board, we are still not in a position to increase the capitation charge other than by the cost of living increase. I have asked our Finance department to attend to this at the moment but as you will appreciate it means the problem in Nazareth will continue to be a problem and I didn't know whether or not it was proper to bring this to your attention as I am sure I am not going through the proper channels but in fairness felt I ought to alert you to it.

Yours sincerely,

H. E. Lennox

HEATHER E. LENNOX (MISS) *P.*
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES (AREA)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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The General Manager
Western Health & Social Services Board
15 Gransha Park
Clooney Road
LONDONDERRY
BT47 1TG

Please reply to The Secretary
Your reference

Our reference A943/1986

Date 10 April 1987

Dear Sir

RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS 1987-88

1. Further to my letter dated 17 February 1987, I am writing to advise you in detail of the resources which have been allocated to your Board for 1987-88.

HOSPITAL, COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES - REVENUE EXPENDITURE

2. The Board's revenue allocation has been increased to £85,739,000 and the increase is made up as follows:-
 - a. £350,000 as a consequence of the transfer of responsibility for the education of mentally handicapped children to the Department of Education. This comprises 2 distinct elements:-
 - i. £250,000 for services to mentally handicapped adults;
 - ii. £100,000 for improved paramedical services to mentally handicapped children.
 - b. £50,000 for initial costs of a satellite Renal Dialysis Unit;
 - c. £50,000 for increased payments to Nazareth House Children's Home, in connection with the implementation of the Hughes Report;
 - d. £800,000 to assist with the implementation of the Board's 1987-88 Operational Plan;
 - e. £250,000 in respect of bridging finance for Altnagelvin Hospital (Non-Recurrent).

The Board is expected to provide the Department with details of the service developments to which the funds at a. b. d. and e. will be directed.

HOSPITAL, COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES - CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

3. The Board's main capital allocation for 1987-88 is £1,543,035 which comprises:-
 - a. £1,000,000 for minor works and maintenance schemes;
 - b. £543,035 for non-works equipment. This allocation includes new and replacement items of medical and scientific equipment (see Appendix). A

Brenda. ¹⁰⁵

The Sisters of Nazareth, N. H. Hon
 J. 'denny have submitted Denis O'Brien
 to confirm that the N.B. and have not
 paid \$47,642 by way of the ^{one} ~~that~~ grant
 towards the Hon's deficit. Denis has in
 mind that the agreed sum was \$50K ^(£65,000?)
 has asked me to check. As we are ^(see attached papers) present
 having to locate papers relevant to the
 deficit funding issue, can we confirm ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~
 the amount which was originally agreed. i.e. eg
 did the Dept set a particular amount or what
 was left to the Board?

Yvonne
 17 April 1987

A1314/83

Mr D O'Brien
SSI

**NAZARETH HOUSE, LONDONDERRY - APPLICATION FOR
CAPITAL GRANT FOR FIRE PRECAUTION WORK**

1. As you know, Mother Anne Teresa recently submitted an application for funding for fire precaution work in the children's wing of Nazareth House, recommended earlier last year by the Fire Authority. The cost of the proposed work is estimated at around £12-13K plus VAT. I attach documentation of the project provided by the Sister's architects F M Corr & Associates.
2. Works Unit have examined the drawings, correspondence and quotations for the scheme and advise that there are several aspects of the project which would require clarification before tenders could be invited.

In the event of this application being accepted, it is now apparent that it would not be possible to have the project completed and payments made within the current financial year.

3. The Home's present fire precautions standards clearly do not meet with those recommended by the Fire Authority and we would wish to ensure that safety standards are satisfactory. I would, however, appreciate your views on the necessity of fire precaution work to the extent of £12-13K. I would also need your opinion on the viability of Nazareth House as a children's home for the next 5 years.


Y J HARSON (MISS)
Child Care Branch

19 February 1987

Reference

Miss Y J Harson
Child Care Branch

CAPITAL GRANT - NAZARETH HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOME, LONDONDERRY

I refer to your minute dated 12 December 1986 and I apologise for the delay. I have studied the papers forwarded with your minute and I have also had conversations with Mr ^{Bozy} ~~Bozy~~ McAteer, a partner in the firm of accountants which is responsible for the audit of Nazareth House. Nazareth House is both a Children's Home and an Old Peoples' Home, the Children's Home having 2 x 10 bed units and the Old Peoples' Home having accommodation for 90 residents.

Income and Expenditure Account

The Income and Expenditure Account for the children's home shows the following results over the last 3 years:-

<u>Year Ended 31 March</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>
	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>			
H&PSS Boards - maintenance	<u>61,037</u>	<u>19,023</u>	<u>92,842</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Maintenance (Hotel Expenses)	33,011	24,409	31,541
Administration	23,884	36,569	76,729
Property	<u>12,013</u>	<u>25,274</u>	<u>32,213</u>
	<u>68,908</u>	<u>86,252</u>	<u>140,483</u>
<u>Excess of Expenditure Over Income</u>	<u>7,871</u>	<u>67,229</u>	<u>47,641</u>

These are very substantial deficits, amounting in total over the 3 years to £122,741. I enquired from Mr McAteer as to the state of the finances of the Old Peoples' Home and he gave me the following composite figures for the whole Home for the last 2 years:-

1984/85	Old Peoples' Home (deficit)	£61,047	
	Children's Home (deficit)	<u>£67,229</u>	£128,276
1985/86	Old Peoples' Home (surplus)	(3842)	
	Children's Home (deficit)	<u>47,641</u>	£ 43,799
	Total Deficit		<u>£172,075</u>

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This is a large deficit and could not be sustained by a central body over a long period. It can be seen that the Old Peoples' Home reached a surplus situation in 1985/86 and Mr McAteer tells me that this surplus situation is likely to continue. I also understand that an ~~attempt~~^{agreement} is being made to back-date an increase in the per capita rate for children and this is one of the items being dealt with in a letter dated 22 December 1986 from Mr Carroll (W Board) to our Mr P J Armstrong. I have not seen this letter.

In conclusion, the only doubt I have is whether the losses being incurred on the Children's Home can be sustained over a long period by the sponsoring body in London, thus bringing the viability of the Home into question. Provided you are satisfied that the continuation of the Children's Home is assured, I would agree that Nazareth House is worthy of support on financial grounds at the maximum grant which can be given.

H.R. Tinsley

H R TINSLEY
F7 Branch

16th February 1987

Note for file

Mr Tinsley, F7 Branch, has examined the audited accounts covering 1982/83, 83/84, 84/85/86; his initial reaction is that grant should not be offered at this stage in view of the substantial deficits for the three years.

He advises that the reason why the Home is continuing to run at a loss should first be established; the Dept would not undertake to fund if a Home/organisation was not financially viable, which would appear to be the case in the Nagawell House circumstances.

Mr. Tinsley hopes to discuss the matter with Fergus McAteer this pm. & will keep us informed.

YJ Hansen
9/1/87

Reference..... A1314/83

Mr R Tinsley
F7
Room 507A

CAPITAL GRANT - NAZARETH HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOME, LONDONDERRY

The Sisters of Nazareth have submitted an application for capital funding towards fire prevention work at Nazareth House Children's Home, Londonderry. The fire prevention work, recommended by the Northern Ireland Fire Authority, will also involve minor structural changes to the Home, and is estimated at between £12,000 - £13,000 + VAT.

At our request, the Sisters have forwarded audited accounts for the last 3 years for the children's home. Accountants Fergus McAteer & Co have advised that balance sheets indicating fixed assets, investments, capital assets etc relating to the children's home are not available. As part of Nazareth House is used to provide residential accommodation for the elderly, information regarding fixed assets etc is held for the complete property and it is therefore not possible for the Accountants to isolate such assets for each facility. However, if it is necessary to obtain such information, Mother Regional, Hammersmith, London, may be able to provide a breakdown for each facility.

I would be grateful if you would examine the enclosed accounts and advise if grant-aid should be made available, and if so, the appropriate level.


Y J HARSON (MISS)
Child Care Branch

12 December 1986

LHB



Department of Health and Social Services

Dundonald House Upper Newtonards Road
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Telex 74578

Telephone 0232 (Belfast) 650111 ext

Mother **SR 91**
Nazareth House
Bishop Street
LONDONDERRY

*Please reply to The Secretary
Your reference*

Our reference A1314/83

Date 12 November 1986


Dear Rev Mother

NAZARETH HOUSE, LONDONDERRY - FIRE PREVENTION WORK

Thank you for forwarding copies of the Nazareth House bank statement in connection with your application for capital grant.

Unfortunately this documentation is inadequate for the purposes of establishing the Home's financial position, and I would be grateful if you would let me have copies of the audited accounts for the last 3 years.

Yours sincerely,



Y. J. HARSON (MISS)
Child Care Branch



J. M. J.

Derry 62180

Nazareth House,
Bishop Street,
Londonderry.
July 11, 1984

Mr. M.S. English,
Child Care Branch,
Dept. of Health & Social Services,
Dundonald House,
Upper Newtonards Road,
Belfast, BT4 3SF.

Dear Mr. English, *16/7/84*

Thank you for your letter of July 6th, in which you informed us that grant aid on Interim Certificate No. 1 on repairs to windows in children's wing would be forthcoming.

I am happy to let you know that we have now received the allotted sum of £2,199.38, from the Child Care Branch of your department.

Please convey, at your convenience, our most sincere gratitude and thanks to each Board member for their kindness and generosity.

Sincerely yours,

SR 1

NOTE OF MEETING AT NAZARETH HOUSE, LONDONDERRY ON 26 MAY 1983 AT 11.00 AM

PRESENT:

SR 1 and Sister Mary (Nazareth Sisters)

Mr P Newman

Mr **TL 4** (Western Health and Social Services Board)

Mr D O'Brien

Mr T McNeill (DHSS)

This meeting was arranged to discuss an application by **SR 1** for grant-aid from Child Care Branch to replace windows in the Children's Home. The Home is on 2 floors of a wing of the main building and this wing also houses the school. The Mother General of the Nazareth Order was in Northern Ireland recently and agreed that the windows in both the school and the children's home need to be replaced. The windows were inspected and there is no doubt they are in a serious state of decay.

SR 1 obtained quotations from 2 local builders for the replacement of all the windows.

1. £42,000 plus VAT
2. £39,000 plus VAT

The latter had broken the figure down to show £15,800 for the children's part of the wing. Neither builder was aware that another builder was also being asked to quote so these are not competitive tenders.

Mr Newman confirmed that he foresees the Western Board and the Londonderry, Limavady and Strabane District continuing to use the Home for at least 5 years at about the present usage. Currently there are 22 children in the Home. On the basis of the Boards continuing use **SR 1** was advised the Department will probably grant-aid the work at the rate of 75% subject to the usual undertaking about insurance and that the Home will continue to be used as a children's home for a period of 5 years.

SR 1 will instruct her architect Miss O Madden to draw up a scheme and specification to go out to 3 or 4 competent contractors for competitive prices for the work. The drawings and specification and the architects estimate will be sent to Mr McNeill for Departmental consideration and comment before the documents are issued to the builders as tender documents. When the tenders have been received and passed to the Department to consider, the Department will make a formal offer of grant-aid to Mother Mary of the Nazareth Sisters.

Reference T.510

Ministry of Home Affairs,
Stormont, Belfast.

St. Joseph's Home, Termonbaoca

Mr. Jackson and I saw Mr. Patrick Maxwell, Solicitor, in the Law Courts yesterday afternoon. A lengthy discussion on the Nazareth organisation developed which would be pointless to record here. (I doubt if Mr. Maxwell or indeed any of the people in the local Nazareth Homes are fully aware of the set-up, financial and otherwise, of the central organisation.)

It was clear, however, that the central organisation does exercise considerable administrative control over the satellite Homes. Mr. Maxwell quoted one instance where in the early days of St. Joseph's the organisation of the Home had become extremely defective - misappropriation of Home funds by members of staff etc. - and the central organisation stepped in with very drastic action including discharge of employees.

On the financial side Mr. Maxwell said that while each separate Home was expected to stand on its own feet financially the Mother Home in London could and would help with cash advances in years in which local income was inadequate. We told Mr. Maxwell that we were already aware of these advances from an examination of the accounts of St. Joseph's in which the transactions appeared as loans and that as far as we could see no attempt was being made to repay. Mr. Maxwell explained this by saying that the Home would be told that these advances were not to be regarded as out-and-out grants and that the Mother House would expect repayment if the resources of the Home in any year would permit of this, e.g., if they got a substantial legacy.

I told Mr. Maxwell that all the information he had given us merely confirmed in my mind the rightness of the Ministry's attitude in insisting that for purposes of determination of financial need the resources of the organisation as a whole should be taken into account, and that as far as the Ministry was concerned the matter must be regarded as resting with the Ministry's request for a sight of the accounts and balance sheets of that organisation. I also mentioned that in England the Home Office took the same line and that in fact no grant had ever been paid to a Nazareth Home there because the Home Office had never managed to persuade the central organisation to produce accounts.

My impression is that Mr. Maxwell felt he had no case to press if we were going to regard the organisation as a whole for grant purposes and he left us saying that he would return to Derry, inform the local people of his discussion with us and tell them that he thought they had better step up their efforts locally to raise money.

15th May, 1959.

Seen thanks.

20/5

Mr. Dyff,

To see. I am putting these papers away unless & unless we hear further from the applicant.

Secretary

My forecast is that we shall hear no more about good to Nazareth establishments in N.I.

19.5.59

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Code 18-73

Has Whistler
Miss Foy
DIP/5/5/59
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To see.
This may
now be p.p.
pending any
further news
by Mr. Maxwell
proper.
15/5

Reference..... T. 510

NoteProposed grant to St. Josephs

These papers
are filed
on our
policy file
T.106.

Recently I obtained a note from the Home Office as to their policy in making grants to voluntary organisations. Their authority (sec. 46(1) of the Children's Act 1948) is the same as ours in section 118(1) C. & P. Act 1950. In G.B. financial need must be established and where the application is in respect of one of a number of homes run by a vol. organisation, the resources of the organisation as a whole must be taken into a/c.

Markus of the Children's Dept, who was my correspondent, ends his letter as follows:—
"I understand that we have had several applications in the past for grants to Nazareth Houses, but as we have never managed to

REGIMEAN
Code 18-74

PTO

13th April, 1959.

Madam,

I am directed by the Minister of Home Affairs to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of the 10th instant communicating particulars of the financial relationship existing between the central organisation of your Order and its several separate Communities.

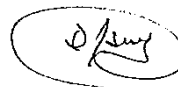
In its letter of the 25th March, 1959, to Mr. Maxwell, Solicitor, Londonderry, the Ministry asked to be furnished with accounts for the past two or three years which would clearly reveal the resources of your organisation as a whole, and I am to enquire whether the Ministry may in due course expect to receive those documents.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient Servant,

A. ALEXANDER

for Secretary

The Mother Vicarress,
Nazareth House,
Hammersmith,
LONDON, W.6.



HOME OFFICE
CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT INSPECTORATE

Tel. No.: VICTORIA 6655

Ext. _____

Your Ref. T. 510

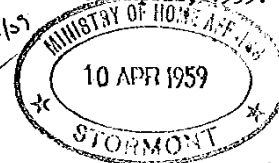
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HORSEFERRY HOUSE

THORNEY STREET

LONDON, S.W.1

8th April, 1959.



Dear Mr. Alexander,

Thank you very much for your letter. I am looking forward to coming to Belfast and to my discussion with you. I have in the meantime passed your letter to my colleague on the Administrative side, Mr. J. McIntyre, as he deals with matters of policy of the kind which you raise. You will, I expect, be hearing from him.

Thank you very much for your suggestion about visits. It looks as though my programme will be somewhat full, so may I let you know about that a little nearer the time.

Yours sincerely,

Granville E. Chester

The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs.

A. 510

25th March, 1959.

Dear Miss Chesters,

I understand you are coming to Northern Ireland next month to talk to the local branch of the Nursery School Association, and we are looking forward very much to seeing you at Stormont during your visit. We would like if possible to discuss with you Home Office policy in relation to the payment of grants to voluntary organizations for the improvement of premises in which voluntary homes are carried on and for the provision of qualified staff. I think that these grants in your country are governed by Section 46(1) of the Children Act of 1948. We have a similar provision at 118(1) of our Children's Act of 1950. I enclose a copy of a memorandum issued by my Ministry to voluntary organizations which will give you some idea of the line we take. A principal difficulty we have come up against in the past is the determination of this question whether a voluntary home can or can not meet the cost of desirable improvements etc. from its own resources, (this is particularly difficult where the voluntary home is one of a number run by a parent organization whose activities are nation-wide, and, indeed, sometimes world-wide, such as the Order of the Poor Sisters of Nazareth. We would be very interested, and I am sure much helped, to know what the Home Office does in cases of this kind, and to have a general discussion on the question of grants to voluntary organizations.

I hope your visit to Northern Ireland will be pleasant. If you would care to see any of our arrangements for the

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10th April 1959.

The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Stormont,
Belfast.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the recent appeal for Grant made to you by St. Joseph's Home, Termonbaoca, Londonderry, towards the cost of improving the heating installation at these premises, and your letter to Mr. Maxwell, Solicitor, 9, East Wall, Londonderry, of 25th ult., we wish to state that each separate Community of the Order of Nazareth is expected to support itself. These Houses are situated in different parts of the world and are independent financially of the Mother House, except in cases where an individual branch House may be in debt. When this occurs the Mother House may give a loan which is expected to be repaid as soon as possible. The Mother House of the Order is chiefly concerned with the spiritual supervision.

Trusting you will be able to give favourable consideration to their request and with kind wishes,

Yours sincerely in J.C.

Sister M. Phaudus.

Mother Vicaress.

DAVID RICK MAXWELL,
Solicitor,
TELEPHONE 2744.

9 EAST WALL,

LONDONDERRY, 1st April 1959



Re: St. Joseph's Home,
Termonbacca, Londonderry
Your Ref. D 510

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of 25th on
my return to the office after the
Easter holiday.

I have sent a copy of the letter
to the Reverend Mother of the Home
concerned, for her observations and
attention. I think, however, it may be
most difficult to have the matter attended
to exactly in the way you wish as the
Sisters of Nazareth are a world wide
organisation. However, I will see what
can be done, particularly on the lines as
set out in the third paragraph of your
letter, which would indicate a general
statement rather than a detailed one.

Yours faithfully,

RM WA

Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Stormont,
Belfast.

T.510

25th March, 1959.

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister of Home Affairs to refer to your letter of the 2nd October, 1958, concerning a possible grant to St. Joseph's Home, Tormonabacca, Londonderry, towards the cost of improving the heating installation at these premises, and to express regret that it has not been possible to send an earlier reply.

In considering applications of this kind the Ministry must be satisfied, inter alia, that the Home in question is prevented by lack of funds from meeting the cost of improvements etc, from its own resources. In determining this question in this case, where the application is in respect of one of a number of Homes run by a voluntary organization, the Ministry desires to take into consideration the resources of the organization as a whole, and it will accordingly be necessary for the Ministry to be informed of the financial position of the Order of the Poor Sisters of Nazareth.

I am accordingly to request you to be good enough to obtain and to furnish for the Ministry's information accounts for the past two or three years, which will clearly reveal the resources of this organization as a whole, and a statement from its headquarters explaining the exact financial relationship existing between the central organization and its member Homes or other establishments.

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Reference.....T-30.....

Secretary

Once more the "Poor Sisters of Nazareth".

On its technical merits this work is, I think, well within the scope of S. 118(1).

I have no doubt the applicants would make out a most plausible, but superficial, case that the local funds simply could not cope with the whole of the expense and that a contribution, amounting to at least 50%, from public funds is absolutely necessary.

But I am convinced that the work will be done whether we contribute or not and that the end will not deprive the children of one crust from their daily rations.

I think the Nazareth Order has already done very well indeed from Section 118(1) and I should be extremely reluctant to recommend any grant in this case.

As Mr Alexander says in his minute, the question resolves itself simply into whether we are to base our future policy on the attainable local financial position of these Nazareth establishments (in which case we should presumably continue to pay grants) or whether we are to take into account the total resources of the Order, which we shall never be able to ascertain but which we suspect are very ample.

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Code 18-74

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8.1.59.

Mr Daff.

I have now discussed this case with the Minister and he agrees that we should try to draw the Order on the lines suggested in Mr Alexander's minute of 31/12/58.

Miss Charters from the Home Office is coming to see us on 21st April. Do you think it would be worth while asking her in advance to get a brief on the subject of the Home Office policy in relation to similar grants in G. Britain.

Rex

25/3/59

T. 510

ST. JOSEPH'S CHILDREN'S HOME, TERMONBACCA, LONDONDERRY.Extract from Joint Inspection Report by Dr. Simpson and Miss Wright (20.2.59)

" Reverend Mother showed us over the premises.
Central heating by oil, installed last November, is a
great asset to this Home."

C.W.

Please keep with file.

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Reference

T 510

Mr. Juff,

I think this work could fairly be described as a replacement of part (a worn out part) of an existing heating installation by up-to-date equipment plus an extension & improvement of the installation. ~~however~~ As such it clearly includes maintenance, but this element emerges in most, if not all these "improvement" cases in which we have admitted grant ie new sanitary blocks, reconstructed kitchens, replacement of Forc. hodge etc., and we have never thought to exclude it before. In view of this, and on the strength of the H/Finance reports I think we should be prepared to regard the whole of the work as an "improvement" within the meaning of Sec 118(1) - necessary & effected at a reasonable cost.

The question of the true financial need of the Home is another matter. Examination of such accounts as we have, would seem to indicate that where exceptional expenditure arises in any year, it can be met by the organisation itself by increased efforts to get subscriptions & donations, and by "loans" from the Mother House. (see figures for 1956). Financial need here is clearly not established & could not be established 100% to our satisfaction unless we could see the accounts of the organisation as a whole and discover the true financial relationships between the central organisation and its member Homes. Messrs McGrade & [REDACTED] & BR 39 used to remind me that there was no hope of getting this.

In the past we have not insisted on

production of the a/c's of the central
 organisation but have relied on statements
 made to us that each individual Home
 must stand on its own feet financially.
 We are now in some doubt as to whether
 these statements should have been relied
 upon, because St. Joseph's has had
 several substantial "loans" from the
 Mother House. And as far as we are
 aware no attempt is being made to
 repay these. In view of the recent
 discussions with Senator McGrade etc.,
 are we now to press this matter &
 insist on production of central a/c's.
 If we do I should imagine this will
 mean the end of grants to this organisation,
 & I feel that this would be going a bit
 too far & further than anyone ever
 intended.

If we are not to press
 the matter I would suggest writing to
 Mr. Macswell "From an examination of the
 accounts of the Home available to the
 Ministry (4 years 1954-1957) it is
 not apparent to the Ministry that the
 St. Joseph's authorities are prevented by
 lack of funds from meeting the whole
 of the cost of this work. If however
 any special circumstances exist which
 in the opinion of the Home authorities justify
 financial assistance from the Government,
 the Ministry will be prepared to consider
 these in relation to the question of grant."

The financial position of the Home is too
 vague at the moment to send the papers to the
 Ministry.

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T. 510
T. 106

8th August, 1958.

Sir,

St. Joseph's Voluntary Home, Ternaobacca

I am directed by the Minister of Home Affairs to refer to your letter of the 23rd July, making application for grant on behalf of St. Joseph's Voluntary Children's Home, Ternaobacca, under Section 118(1) of the Children and Young Persons Act (N.I.), 1950, towards the cost of installing two new boilers in the Home.

It is noted that the estimated cost of the work is £1,000. The application for grant will have to be referred by the Ministry to the Training Schools and Children's Homes Committee for their advice and recommendations and, before this can be done, the Ministry requires additional information, etc., viz.:

- (a) A detailed statement of the estimated cost of the proposed works.
- (b) A sketch plan showing the position of the existing boilers, and, if it is proposed to make any alteration in the existing plan for the installation of the new boilers, the plan should show the new proposals.
- (c) Whether the existing pipe connections are to be used or whether any new pipe work will be involved in the installation.

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- (d) The type of the existing boilers, when they were installed, and a recent technical report received by the Home on their present condition and the reasons for replacement.
- (e) The type of boilers it is proposed to instal. A descriptive leaflet of these boilers should, if possible, be submitted.

Pending the receipt of the additional information requested in this letter and the recommendations of the Training Schools and Children's Homes Committee, the Ministry will not be in a position to consider the application for grant or indicate the amount of grant, if any, which could be made towards this project, taking into account the financial position of the voluntary organisation concerned.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

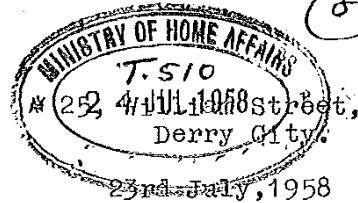
E. JACKSON

for Secretary *dat*

E. McAteer, Esq., M.P.,
25 William Street,
LONDONDERRY.
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*File
Mr. Haggan
(CCS)*

CW



23rd July, 1958

My Ref. F.197/16

The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Stormont,
Belfast.

Dear Sir,

St. Joseph's Home for Boys,
Termonbacca,
Derry

This is to make formal application for grant under
Section 118 (1) of the Children and Young Persons Act
(N.I.), 1950, towards the cost of installing two new
boilers in this institution.

It is estimated that this work will cost up to £1,000
but of course figures of the actual cost will be supplied
afterwards.

The work of the institution has already been
demonstrated in connection with a previous grant of £800
awarded in August last towards the cost of a kitchen and a
copy of the accounts for the year to 31st December, 1957 has
already been sent to you by the Local Welfare Authority in
connection with a general grant under Section 118 of this
same Act.

Although the precise figure of cost cannot yet be
given I would like some indication of the amount of grant
which might be expected towards this work.

Yours faithfully,

E. McAteer
E. McAteer

M. Wilkinson
M/H 426

*Will you please say whether the Ministry should ask me for
sketch plan, and detailed estimate of costs, or should a specification
also be required.*

See 5/8/58

*Mr. Haggan, CCS. Dept, has file T.510.
He is in London but is expected back
on 1/8/58. Mr. Screen undertook
to speak to him and ask him to
let us know when the legal work
(undertaking) for the £800 has been completed
and when he would return the file to us.
See 29/7/58.*

*Mr. Haggan told me today
that the undertaking has
not yet been started (stock
duty) but he will get it
done as soon as possible
and return the file to us.
See 5/8/58.*

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1964

J. M. J.

13th Feb.

The Council met and voted to pay the Bills. Since our last meeting Mother General has granted permission to erect a building for the Boys at the cost of £25,000. and also granted permission to transfer £3,000 on deposit and to transfer £1,000 from Farm to B.I. of this money is to help for proposed building.

For the first time we have received a cow subsidy of £240. The subsidies are a big help to the Farm.

The Rule was spoken of and all agreed that the Sisters were doing their best

SR 1

(unsan.)

SR 136

SR 93

20th March

The Council met and voted to pay the Bills. The new porch is now near completion at the cost of £486 which Mother General kindly gave permission for.

Since our last meeting we had a visit from [redacted] and [redacted] from Stormont who were making enquiries about the proposed building. [redacted] stressed on the fact of suitable temporary accommodation for the Boys.

The Rule and Religious discipline were spoken of and no remark was made.

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1964

J M J

23 June

The Council met and voted to Pay the Bills. Mother General gave Permission to build a cattle shed at the cost of approximately £100 for which we will get a grant $\frac{1}{3}$ from the Ministry. The Rule was spoken of and all agreed that it was well kept.

SR 8

(Bussas)

SR 1

SR 93

8th July

The Council met examined and signed the accounts and also voted to pay the Bills.

Since our last meeting we have received a subsidy of £2.03 for calf rearing for the first time. The Rule was spoken of and all agreed that it was well observed.

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(Bussas)

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SR 93

14 August

The members of the Council have voted to pay the Bills. The Rule was discussed and all were of the opinion that the Sisters were doing their best and most generous.

SR 8

(Bussas)

SR 1

SR 93

September

No Council meeting held this month as being Chapin year the appointment of Councillors has not yet been announced.

1965

J.M.J

purchased for the Farm at the cost of £285.
 This will save a lot of the men's time going
 to and from the Town with cereals etc.
 The members voted to Pay the Bills.
 The Rule was spoken of and all thought
 the Sisters were doing their best.

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SR 93

16 March Since our last meeting, [redacted] had word
 from Stormont saying that they would give
 grant of 25% of the cost of the Boys New
 building. We got a small legacy of £100
 from [redacted] (deceased) Co. Deny.

The Rule was spoken of and it was remarked
 that the Sisters were very faithful.

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SR 93

23 April

The Council met and voted to Pay the Bills.
 Our holy Rule and Religious discipline were spoken
 of and members thought both were well observed.
 The Knights of the Round Table presented a cheque
 for £90.

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REPORT ON VISITATION.

Nazareth House,

Termonbacca.Date April 26th - May 3rd 1960COUNCIL MEETING in connection with the Visitation held on 30th April.Presided over by [REDACTED]Members present

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Observance of Rule and Religious spirit:- The Rule is faithfully kept, and there is a Christlike spirit of charity and unity among the Sisters. The spiritual exercises are punctually attended and prayers, office etc are said with devotion. The recreations are cheerful and each Sister takes an interest in all that concerns the House.

Bursar's Remarks & Bursar's Store:- The Bursar was called to the Meeting and on questioning replied that she had ample supplies of food and all things necessary for the smooth running of the House, and that the Superior gave her reasonable scope for providing a varied menu for all. Her stores held adequate stocks and all easily accessible.

Sisters' Part:- The Convent is ideally arranged for the observance of the Rule. All is in conformity with our customs. No seculars are allowed in the enclosure. Four new cells make for comfort and privacy.

Chapel:- All necessities for Mass and usual services are well cared for and the altar is well tended. The Tabernacle is well tended. The painting and some repairs. The Tabernacle is kept in the safe and taken upstairs at night.

Linen Room:- The Sister in charge is advanced in years but takes great interest in her employment and has ample store of sheets, underwear, habit material in stock. Considering her infirmity, the employment is kept fairly tidy.

Books ordered to be kept:- All books are written up-to-date. Account books are accurately kept, though direct payments to bank by S.V. de Paul Societh make examination difficult. The Petty Cash books are presented at the monthly meetings. The Superior has now provided a Cash Book for the Bursar and is anxious to comply with regulations.

EMPLOYMENTS. Babies No. 21 Ages 2 to 6 years are a very bonny lot and show they are in good hands. Their dormitories are newly painted and decorated and are much admired.

SCHOOL CHILDREN: No. 65, ages 5 to 15 years. Two boys aged 16 are in Special Care, at the request of the Derry Co. Council. All are healthy looking, well fed, well dressed and shod and have the voluntary service of many barbers. Juniors attend our school at Bishop Street and stay for dinner. Seniors attend Intermediate school at Creggan. The Chaplains take keen interest in their games and arrange football matches with the same age group of College boys; the honours often go to St. Joseph's.

The Farm: Since the dairy herd was replaced by beef stock great progress has been made and there is now a good turn-over where formerly there was a heavy financial loss. With new fencing, gates, fertilisers of land the farm appears a going concern. Expenses are halved and substantial subsidies are received from N.I. Government. The Farm Committee of Catholic men feel their efforts have not been in vain.

GENERAL REMARKS: The House is in a state of

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J.M.J.

and this we are sure of from a very reliable garage owner. The Sisters are faithful in the observance of their Holy Rule.

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SR 1

18 Dec

The members of the Council voted to pay the Bills all were in agreement that the Rule was well kept.

SR 8

SR 1

(Bussas)

16 Jan

At the monthly meeting the Council members examined the half yearly Statement of accounts which was thought to be correct and signed same. The observance of the Rule was discussed and it was thought that the Sisters were faithful.

SR 8

SR 1

(Bussas)

10 Feb

We now have received a letter from the Ministry of Home Affairs stating that they are considering making a grant of £500 or 50% of the cost of the Mini-Bus which ever is less.

This we will not receive until after April 1st.

Our share of the proceeds of Magee Rag week amounted to £500 which was

1972

13, August

J. M. J. +

The Council met today. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed by two Members, the Bursar being away on holiday with the children. We voted to pay the monthly bills as far as possible. In these troubled times, donations are scarce. Please God things will improve.

SR 15

SR 124

SR 7

10 Sept. 1972

The Council met and voted (and voted) to pay the monthly bills. Also to pay £6,080 off the Building. Unfortunately there is still much trouble in the City and donations are almost nil. Therefore it was decided to ask our M.P. to approach the Minister of Home Affairs for an increase in the grant.

Our Junior Committee gave us a donation of £1,500. The Committee are holding a Flag day which we hope will be a great success.

It was thought necessary to ask the Children's Officer for an increase in maintenance allowance, as the present rate is very low.

SR 15

SR 124

SR 7

J. M. J. +.

1972.

Dec. 10 The Rule was spoken of and all agreed that the Sisters were doing their best.

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1973.

SR 7

Jan. 10,

The Council met and voted to pay the bills. It was thought necessary to cover the floor in the nursery playroom. With Mother Regional's permission, it was decided to start a playgroup for pre-school age in one of the old buildings vacated by the children; if we can get the Minister to pay the running costs and 100% grants for renovations.

We were very grateful that the Ministry of Home Affairs has granted us a further £12,500 for the new wing.

SR 15

SR 124

SR 7

Feb. 7th, The Council met and voted to pay the bills, also £5,000 off the building.

It was agreed to get estimates for renovations to one of the old huts in which to start a playgroup for 25 children; morning sessions for the present; also to get the surrounds tidied up and flagged.

With Mother Regional's permission, it was decided to erect a smaller glass house on the side of the old one, also to extend the Fire alarm system to the nursery, and to all the buildings including including the men's cottage and to the playgroup. This will be

J. M. J. + .

1977.

March 10.

A Council Meeting was held today and the Members voted to pay the monthly bills. It may be necessary to transfer some money from the Private account to the No. 1 Account to clear outstanding bills.

We found it necessary to decorate the Community Room and the adjoining small rooms. The Nursery playroom needs painting, and a new Carpet will be purchased for it, together with other items of furniture.

An Estimate will be obtained for painting the Chapel.

The Western Health & Social Services Board, Derry, have increased their Annual Grant of £1000 to £2000 this year, and are giving us an additional grant of £1000 for the refurnishing and general improvements to the Home, directly related to the care of the children.

We are looking forward to another General's visit in a few days' time.

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1966

1971

J. M. J. +

January

of Dupont factory. Later we had the house party everybody enjoyed it.

The Yumombacca Aid Committee held a dance in the gymnasium for the building fund. It was a great success. One of our boys [redacted] sang during the interval. Many popular stars also sang during the night to the great delight of the audience. [redacted] takes the boys Band every Monday evening, on Tuesday evenings the local teachers take the boys to the Baths.

[redacted] succeeded in getting the use of the school gym for the boys every Wednesday from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. He and another teacher supervise them.

February

We had a visit from [redacted] from Ministry of Home Affairs. We received two installments of our grant from the Ministry £5850 + £3425. Eight Senior boys from St. Columba's College have been coming at the weekends to take the boys for hikes and help the boys with homework. Senior girls from Thornhill College also come at weekends and help in the kitchen - also with the boys - also in the Nursery.

The Junior and Senior Committees are working very well on

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May

SR 8

left for Sligo on the 25th May

SR 43

she was replaced by

SND 221

went to Lourdes. Members of S.U.P.

got him clothes etc. the waterside club paid his fare and a nurse from the hospital travelled with him to look after him. We are all praying he will be cured of his kidney complaint as our doctor does not think he will live many years.

June

The Employees of Du Pont took the children on an outing to Atlanta Drive. It was a glorious day the sun shone all the time. They stopped at several beaches for a few hours and had lovely refreshments, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Some of the Sisters went to Dunree for their rest. We got two instalments of grant from Ministry of Home Affairs for the building one £1250, the other £2000.

We were delighted to have a visit from our dear Mother General. She came with Mother Regional. We were glad to see her looking well. She was pleased with work on our new extension.

Mother General gave permission to have the large

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J. M. J. +

August

were delighted because trouble in Derry is very bad at present and the children were unable to go near the town at all. They love Carrisena and look forward to their stay there each year. Some of the students from Maynooth went with them to look after them. [redacted] from Southwark Diocese helped to bring some of the boys and their belongings in his minibus.

Four of the boys went camping to Deroybeg with Waterside Boys Club. Stormont introduced "Internment."

We received £2750 grant for the new building from Ministry of Home Affairs.

Sept.

Our very good friend [redacted] gave us £3000 towards our Building Fund. We received grant of £1492 from Ministry of Home Affairs.

Four girls who worked here for a while entered with us. They went to Finchley: [redacted]

SND 69

October

Please God they will be very happy and persevere. We had Ouarante One [redacted] was celebrant during the two days, he gave a lovely Holy Hour at the close.

We received a donation of £150 for the Building from

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J. M. J. +

October

The Honorable the Irish Society.

The members of the Junior Committee gave a hallow'en party to the children, they had games and a film afternoon. The Employees of Du Pont also gave the children a very enjoyable party.

November

We had a grant from Ministry of Home Affairs £24.97.

We had the great pleasure of another visit from our dear Mother Regional. She was very pleased with the alterations in the Nursery. The small bedrooms are very nice.

Owing to the difficult situation at present in our city we are unable to have fund raising projects which means we are very short of money at present. However the attention of the Committee has been drawn to this fact and they are doing their best to do something which will not involve bringing a lot of people together. This is not a good thing to do just now with so much bombing and shooting - danger to life. The "Star Dust" where the Bingo sessions were held has been very badly damaged.

December

The Junior Committee has started a hundred guinea club. They had a clear profit of £1000 which

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I.M.G. +.

December

here. [REDACTED] said the Mass, he said two more Masses on Christmas morning. The children sang.

The Employers of Du Pont came in the afternoon and presented the children with beautiful presents. One of the men dressed as Santa Claus took the presents in a sack to the different groups. The little ones enjoyed this very much.

Jan. 1972

We traded in our old car which was becoming very costly to run and we bought a new car Triumph Toledo costing £998.

We received a further grant £3586 from the Ministry of Home Affairs for the Building Fund.

January 30th now known all over the world as Bloody Sunday was a very sad day for Derry.

A large crowd of people taking part in a peaceful Civil Rights march was attacked by British soldiers including the Paratroop Regiment who shot down thirteen people. People everywhere were stunned they just could not believe that this terrible thing had happened. Priests from the local churches administered the last rites of the church to the dying and comforted the wounded. The sorrow and agony of that terrible day will never be forgotten in Derry.

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We received a further instalment of grant for the new wing from Ministry of Home Affairs £4113.

The Derry Development Committee gave us a grant of £150 towards the running costs of the house.

30 leading Catholics withdrew from Public Office in protest against 'Internment' and Repression by British Troops, and for Cessation of Violence.

We were delighted to have Mother Regional for a visit. She was pleased with the work done on the building site, in spite of all the trouble we seem to be able to keep going. It is very inconvenient and even very dangerous for the workers with all the bombing and shooting. We received a further instalment of grant from the Ministry of Home Affairs £2665.

There was a meeting of both Junior and Senior Committees. We hope to have a flag day in September.

There was a special Novena in Long Tower Church in honour of St. Columba - the Bishop presided in the Sanctuary.

Two of the Maynooth Students who work very hard for us were ordained on 18th June. The Sisters and boys were special guests at the ceremony.

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September

back. Tension is still high and a lot of damage has been done the centre of the city is almost deserted.

We got a further instalment of grant from the Ministry of Home Affairs £3035.

We had a visit from [REDACTED] she was very pleased with the renovations in the nursery and with the new building.

October

The new building is nearly finished now, we will be delighted to get into it before Winter sets in. The boys were very excited when they saw the new football pitch being started also the ball alley. They are very keen on games. The Christian Brothers allow us to use their beautiful new gym every Thursday afternoon and the Junior teachers supervise the boys at their games and see them home safely. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] SND 345

Both used to take the children for music. They are still interested in the house and Mrs. [REDACTED] SND 345

has been elected New President of Thornhill Past Pupils Union, they voted to give all their work this year to help us at St. Josephs.

Our flag day this year was a success considering

1972.

J. M. J. +.

November

Mr. J. Keene M.P. - who is at present negotiating with [redacted] office for an increase of grant - visited and brought the family with him.

To fulfill article 297 of the Constitution / came here on the 5th Dec. 1972 to make a visitation of this House. Remarks on the Observance of Rule and Religious Discipline will be found in the ^{file in} Mother and Regional Houses.

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VIS.

9th December 1972.

We were delighted to have a visit from Bishop M^r. Guinness from Nottingham, he looked very well indeed.

December

We were happy to welcome Miss Forrest, [redacted] and [redacted] from the Ministry of Home Affairs. They were delighted with the New building - thought it was the best they had seen yet.

[redacted] promised we would get a further grant of £12,500 also to help with running costs. He promised to write to the Local Authorities to ask them to pay £11-50 per child per week maintenance for children in their care who were admitted to St. Joseph's. We trust this will get a

J. M. J. +

1974

[redacted] visited and spent a very pleasant afternoon. She was delighted to meet the children and complimented the Sisters very highly for their care and work.

The children returned to school after a happy Christmas holiday.

February.

The children were invited to a variety concert, also to the annual Pantomime in St. Columba's Hall. It was most enjoyable. The Catholic Youth Club from Merville visited one Sunday and gave a very enjoyable entertainment.

March.

SR 43

[redacted] has been changed to Dublin, replaced by [redacted] who came from Portadown.

April.

We had eight guests for the usual Annual Dinner on 10th Thursday, and the Men of the Land Supper was concluded by three guests at 5.0 p.m. On 10th Saturday, we had the Easter Vigil, the child sang very beautifully. The S.V.P. visited on Easter Sunday and distributed lovely Easter Eggs to everyone.

The usual Annual Grant of £1000 was received from the Western Health and Social Services Board. The Klunger Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society gave a very generous donation of £790. This particular Conference has always been most generous.

1/3/77 increased from £14/wk → £30/wk
 1/4/79 " " £30/wk → £35/wk.
 1/4/80 " " £35/wk → £49-07/wk.
 1/4/81 " " £49-07/wk → £63-02/wk
 1/4/82 " " £63-02/wk → £73-97/wk.

1/4/83 increase to £78-50/wk

1/4/84 increase to £88-34/wk

1/4/85 increase to £116. p.w.

cheque for deficit £47,642. To Nag H. 14/4/87.

1/4/88 increased to £193.00 p.w.

1/4/89 " to £208.00 p.w.

1/4/90 " to £272.00 p.w.

1/4/91 " to £318.00 p.w.

1/4/91 " to £343.00 p.w. (proposed) 8.3.92.

1/4/92 " to £418.00 p.w. (Excl. B.I.L. / Christmas / Holiday)

1/4/93 " "

STATEMENT OF: SANDI ELLEN M HUTTON

Continuation Page No: 2

known to the Joint Protocol Investigators and involve sexual abuse. Further disclosure work is to be undertaken following this examination. **SND 455** is an only child. Her development has been normal, and she is fully immunised. **SND 455** was toilet trained at 3 years of age, and began bedwetting at the end of last year around the time of the alleged incident involving 4 men (see above). **SND 455** has also been constipated occasionally, particularly since March 1997. Medical history also involves recurring vulval thrush which occurred at the end of 1996 and involved both the genital and anal area. **SND 455** also suffered a road traffic accident 2 months ago in which she fractured her leg. In recent months **SND 455** has been noted to cry in her sleep and occasionally to talk in her sleep. On examination **SND 455** presented as a delightful little girl, tall for her age with long brown hair tied in a pony tail. Her height and weight were both on the 91st centile, at 111.5 cm and 21.8 kgs respectively. General examination was entirely normal including eyes, ears, mouth, heart sounds, chest examination and abdominal examination. Genitalia were examined in the supine frog leg position. The genitalia were of normal external appearance. The hymenal orifice was heart shaped with small notch at 10 o'clock and corresponding 'bump' at 9 o'clock. The margin of the hymen was smooth, with no apparent transections. The hymenal orifice dilated with gentle labial traction to approximately 5 mm vertically by 4 mm horizontally. The posterior wall of the vagina could be visualised and appeared normal with normal rugae. There was slight redness at the right margin of the hymen, and scattered prominent capillary vessels at the posterior fourchette. However there was no clear evidence of trauma. There were a few small red spots in the inguinal area (left groin) probably indicating a fungal (thrush) infection. The anus was examined initially in the left lateral position, and subsequently in the supine position with hips and knees flexed. There was generalised redness around the anal area. The anal orifice was

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J. M. J. +

opened on the 2nd September thirty of our Boys are now attending same.

Father Boulter said three holy Masses on Christmas Eve. Our Benefactors have been most generous with gifts for the Children and invited them to many parties. The Americans gave play equipment to both Boys and nursery. Father Leo S.P. conducted the Sisters Gniduum Retreat.

1964

Mr Simpson and Miss Hill paid us a visit on February the 4th both were very pleased with the Boys and most anxious that we would build Dormitories as more sleeping accommodation was needed said they would say so at Stormont, and hoped we would get a Grant.

The Farm did well last year we were able to take ^{£2000} two thousand to transfer to No 1 Account and is well stocked.

The Vincent de Paul scheme is a big help they paid £1,600 to our Account last Year.

TC 1
TC 1

Grants paid by Ministry of Home Affairs
under Section 118(1) of the C. and Y.P. Act (N.I.) 1950

File No.	Name of Home	Purpose of Grant	Cost of Project (Estimated)	Grant approved and paid	Min./Finance approval dated
TC 162	Glendhu Children's Hostel, Belfast	Improvement of premises	£7,500	£5,500 (73%)	A 393/50 17.4.51
TC 398 TC 168	Manor House Home, Lisburn	Modernisation and re-equipment	£19,671	Paid £6,770 (70% of approved expenditure in excess of £10,000 subject to a max. of £7,000)	A 393/50 15.1.57
TC 510	St. Joseph's Boys' Home, Termonbacca	Improvement of kitchen apartments	£1,066	£800 (75%)	A 393/50 15.8.57
TC 398	Nazareth Lodge Children's Home, Belfast	1. Repairs and re-decoration	£3,076	£2,000 (66%)	A 393/50 29.3.55
TC 398		2. Improvements to kitchen, dining-room and certain other projects	£11,200	£6,350 (approx. 56%)	A 393/50 15.1.57
TC 459 TC 410		3. Reorganisation of toilet arrangements in main building	£7,390 plus prof. fees £450	£4,000 (approx. 50%)	A 393/50 12.9.58
TC 459		4. Demolition of Fox Lodge	£710	£350 (50%)	A 393/50 12.9.58
459		5. Towards replacement of Fox Lodge Building by a new Nursery Home	£46,100	£12,000 (26%)	A 393/50 12.9.58
38 70	Nazareth House Children's Home, Londonderry	1. Provision of play-hall	£10,000	£5,000 (50%)	A 393/50 15.1.57
		2. Fire precautions	£1,380:12:10	£830 (approx. 60%)	"

P.C.
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St. Joseph's Children's Home, Termonbacca, Londonderry
Scheme for the improvement of the Heating Arrangements
Application for Grant under Section 118(1) of the Children and Young
Persons Act (N.I.), 1950

Mr. P. Maxwell, who is sponsoring this application for grant, has stated that two contracts for the work have been placed as follows:-

<u>Heating Contract</u>	£	s.	d.
Messrs. Johnston Brothers and Wilson, Belfast	2,884:	-:	-
<u>Building Contract</u>			
Messrs. Melaugh and Hall, Ltd., Londonderry	953:	17:	2
Total cost of scheme (excluding professional fees)	£3,837:	17:	2

Reports on each of these projects have now been obtained from technical officers of Works Division, Ministry of Finance, and are attached.

The report on the heating contract indicates that the lowest tender was accepted and the work is almost complete. Formerly there were two separate heating plants at this Home - one in the senior section and the other in the nursery section. It now appears that the two boilers concerned were in poor condition, one being about 25 years old and the other 20 years old. The mechanical stokers for use with these boilers are also said to have been so badly worn that their replacement was essential.

In addition, some alterations were necessary to the domestic hot-water system in the nursery section of the Home to enable it to function independently in summer and be connected to the main heating system in winter.

Further improvements provided for the installation of 14 additional radiators in the senior section. Of these, 10 were to be fitted in the first floor, where the staff have their living quarters, which were not previously heated, and the remaining 4 were to improve the heating of the dining room, the servery and the corridor.

The cost of the heating contract is made up as shown hereunder:-

(a) Removing existing boilers, mechanical stokers, direct cylinders, etc., and supplying and fixing a new boiler, together with an oil burner, an indirect cylinder expansion tank and radiators for the drying room.....	2,500
(b) 4 additional radiators to improve the heating in the dining room, servery and corridor in the senior section.....	97
(c) 10 additional radiators in the first floor of the senior section, where the staff have living quarters, which were not previously heated.....	257
(d) Contingency sum.....	30
Total:	£ 2,884

Without knowledge of all the relevant factors, the technical officer finds it difficult to offer an opinion on the actual necessity for the work referred to at (a) above. He recognises, however, that the replacement of the old boilers and stokers could have been effected for approximately £1,200. On the other hand, having regard to the advantages such as positive control, accelerated circulation, cleanliness and the saving in fuel and labour, he considers the new central oil-fired installation a reasonable engineering proposition justifying the additional outlay of £1,300.

He also reports that the scheme is without elaboration and that the total cost

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of the heating contract is reasonable. On the question of the proportion of the total cost which should be regarded as relevant to maintenance work, for which grants are payable, he says in effect that all the work in the heating contract is new work with the possible exception of the replacement of the worn-out boilers (presumably this also includes the mechanical stokers). From this it would seem that an amount corresponding to the cost of replacing the old boilers and stokers will have to be disregarded when considering what grant, if any, should be paid in respect of expenditure on the heating contract.

With regard to the building contract, we have not been told whether the lowest tender was accepted, but the report from the technical officer concerned indicates that, in his opinion, the work is the minimum necessary for the new heating system, that it includes no maintenance items and the cost at £953: 17: 2 is reasonable.

St. Joseph's Home at Termonbacca is one of several Children's Homes operating in Northern Ireland under the control of the Poor Sisters of Nazareth. According to the income and expenditure accounts for the four years 1953-1956, the Home received financial assistance amounting to £10,500 from the Mother House in London. These transactions are described as loans in the relevant accounts.

There is no record of any similar receipts from the Mother House in the Home's accounts for 1957, but two substantial grants were paid to the Home in that year under the provisions of the Children and Young Persons Act (N.I.), 1950. The first of these was a contribution of £250 by the Londonderry County Borough Welfare Authority under Section 118(2) towards the running expenses (T.125 of 2nd April, 1957, refers); the second, amounting to £800, was paid by the Ministry on 19th August, 1957, under Section 118(1) of the Act. In the latter case the amount involved represented 75% of the cost of necessary improvements to the kitchen apartments (T.510 refers).

In 1958 when the Londonderry County Borough Welfare Authority sought consent under Section 118(2) of the Act to make a contribution of £1,000 towards the running expenses of the Home the Ministry decided that approval could not properly be granted (T.125 of 12th August, 1958, refers).

In connection with the present application for grant, a schedule is attached setting out the Home's income and expenditure accounts for each of the years 1954, 1955, 1956 and 1957. Judging from the information contained in these accounts, it is unlikely that the Home could defray the cost of the new heating scheme without further financial assistance from the Mother House or a substantial grant from the Ministry.

Were this an ordinary straightforward case, the next step would be to refer it to the Children's Homes and Training Schools Committee for their advice, but the fact that generous financial assistance has been provided by the Mother House in the past suggests that the Ministry should now ask Mr. Maxwell if there is any reason why the entire cost of the new scheme should not be met out of the funds at the disposal of the Mother House.

S.J.
29.12.58

St. Joseph's Children's Home, Termonbarney, County Londonderry
Schedule of Income and Expenditure for each of the years 1954,
1955, 1956 and 1957

Expenditure	1954	1955	1956	1957
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Board, Washing, Clothing	2,337: 6: 11	2,179: -: 8	2,813: -: 3	2,821: 12: 3
Fuel, Light, Garden,				
Van	3,035: 16: 7	3,301: 6: 7	5,723: 2: 6	3,692: 11: 7
Rates, Insurance,				
Repairs, Furniture,				
Church Requisites	2,898: 1: 6	2,447: 7: 5	3,979: 4: 5	3,031: 8: 10
Legal Expenses, Books,				
Printing, Petty Cash,				
Postage	56: 11: 5	45: 12: 6	43: 19: 5	37: 10: 11
Medical, Funeral,				
Travelling	38: 15: 9	217: 1: 3	59: 17: 9	108: -: 9
Salaries, Wages, Fees,				
Gratuities	2,025: 8: 9	1,492: -: 7	2,138: 3: 6	1,668: 8: 9
Bank Fees	2: 2: -	2: 2: -	2: 12: 6	2: 12: 6
Cheque Books	2: 10: -	1: 13: 4	1: 5: -	2: 10: -
December Cheques cashed				
in January	-	43: 4: -	-	46: 10: -
Balance	1,075: 16: 3	458: 15: 1	2,657: 13: 1 (Bills owing = £1,600)	712: 4: 4
Total	11,472: 9: 2	10,188: 3: 5	17,418: 18: 5	12,123: 9: 11
Income	1954	1955	1956	1957
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance from previous				
year	728: 13: 1	1,075: 16: 3	458: 15: 1	2,657: 13: 1
Alms	3,200: -: -	3,200: -: -	3,200: -: -	3,200: -: -
Entrance Fees and				
Pensions	174: 14: 5	405: 7: 6	584: 1: 4	709: 5: -
Payments from Public				
Bodies	443: 17: 6	686: 6: -	298: 11: 2	740: 8: 7
Subscriptions and				
Donations	313: 7: -	1,840: 5: 7	6,377: 5: 6	1,641: 19: 7
Income from other				
sources	70: 14: 8	29: 13: 4	2,317: 6: 4	655: 17: 3
Old Age Pension	-	-	85: 11: -	128: 12: -
Grazing	191: 13: 9	-	48: -: -	-
Rent	216: 6: 2	988: 11: 10	80: 7: -	78: 11: 6
Milk Refund	95: 11: -	181: 2: -	66: 4: 5	-
Interest	5: 8: -	4: 11: 9	30: 3: 7	20: -: 9
Sale of Stock	849: 8: 4	506: 3: 2	369: 9: 10	211: 15: 4
Sale of Farm Produce	369: 4: -	730: 19: 1	232: 16: 1	32: 10: 6
Income from Farm	-	-	-	700: -: -
Loans from Mother House	2,300: -: -	200: -: -	3,000: -: -	-
Legacy	-	-	-	225: 11: 3
Ministry of Home Affairs	-	-	-	800: -: -
Outstanding Cheques	43: 4: -	-	46: 10: -	281: 17: 7
Subsidies from Ministry	122: 14: 3	116: 6: 11	223: 17: 1	39: 7: 6
Auction of Cattle and				
Implements	2,347: 13: -	-	-	-
Sale of Milking				
Machine	-	223: -: -	-	-
Total	11,472: 9: 2	10,188: 3: 5	17,418: 18: 5	12,123: 9: 11

5000 Grant from
Mother House
1953. J.W.

T-510

DJC
Please see below two letters and enclosures from Mr. P. Maxwell - the solicitor acting on behalf of St. Joseph's Home Termonbacca - which would appear to be the reply to our letter of 8th August, 1958 to Mr. McAtter. Mr. Maxwell makes no reference to Mr. McAtter's correspondence, but it is fairly obvious that they have been in consultation with one another.

I suppose the very first thing we should do is to refer to technical enclosures to Mr. Wilkinson in order to find out whether they provide the information which he requested in his minute of 6/8/58.

If the information is sufficiently complete and, moreover, if Mr. Wilkinson and our Children's Inspectors feel that the proposed works are necessary and reasonable, then the case will have to be referred to the Macanachie Committee for their further consideration.

Mr. Wilkinson

Subject to your comments on the plans and specification referred in Mr. Maxwell's letter of 2.10.58, it is proposed to ask him to furnish a schedule showing the prices tendered by the other firms for the building and heating contracts. On do you think we should ask to see the actual tendering contracts.

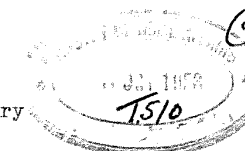
On the basis of our present information the cost of the work will amount to £3,837.17.2, make up as follows:-
Heating contract £2,884.0.0

Building contract 953.17.2
Mr. McAtter in his letter of 23.7.58 seemed to think that the total cost would not exceed £1,000. S. 14/10/58.

PATRICK MAXWELL,
SOLICITOR.
TELEPHONE 2744.

9 EAST WALL,
LONDONDERRY, 2nd October 1958

St. Joseph's Home,
Termonbacca, Londonderry



Dear Sir,

In connection with this Home, Architects advised that there should be a complete renovation of the existing Heating Scheme so that one new Boiler would be used instead of two existing, which are almost burned out. It also includes the building of a 40' chimney for the new boiler, and general builders attendances.

The heating Contract has been given to Messrs. Johnston Brothers & Wilson of Belfast at £2,884. 0. 0. Three Tenders were received by the Consultants. The Tenders for the builders work have been received, and will be opened and examined this week.

I enclose Plan and Specification for the Builders Work involved, and a copy of the Plan showing the proposed heating lay-out.

I would be obliged if you would let me know whether your Ministry would give a Grant towards the cost of this necessary work.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Stormont,
BELFAST.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

Extract from Minutes of Proceedings of County Londonderry Welfare Committee
~~County Londonderry Sub-Committee~~

at a meeting held on 13th September, 1958.

Minutes adopted _____

File No. T.125.

GRANT TO
ST. JOSEPH'S HOME,
TERMONBACCA

The recommendation of the Sub-Committee - that this application for Grant be referred to the N.I. Association of County and County Borough Welfare Committees - was accepted.

Mr. Loughlin.

Done { Please attach the file relating to St. Joseph's Vol. Home, Termonbacca, and tab. the latest report by the H.E.P. inspector.

See below. { Please state for each W.A. who had children in care placed in the Home, the nos. of such children at 31/3/58, 30/6/58 and 30/9/58.

Mr.
20/10/58.

Miss Miller

There were no children belonging to the W.A.'s in St. Joseph's Home, Termonbacca at 31/3/58 and 30/6/58. As for 30/9/58 all the returns are in except those for Belfast and Londonderry Co. Boroughs and I don't think that either will have any children in St. Joseph's as at that date.

12/21/10/58.

P.C.
22/10
Q.P.C.

When this matter comes before the Association of Welfare Ctee's, the representatives from Londonderry Co. Boro. should be able to advise the members of the Ministry's views on Section 118(2) as set out in our letter of 12.8.58.

Go see above and extract from minutes of meeting of children sub-committee on 2/9/58

This looks as if St. Joseph's Vol. Home, or someone on their behalf, has applied to L'derry County Welfare Office for a grant under sec. 118(2) of the C.V.P.A. Act. Towards the running expenses of the Home, as was done to L'derry C.B. Welfare Committee.

The correspondence about the proposed grant of £1000 by L'derry C.B.W. Office, which was not approved, is in this file, ending with letter of 3/10/58 to Minister, HP.

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRSExcerpt from Minutes of Proceedings of County Londonderry ~~County Londonderry~~

Children's Sub-Committee

at a meeting held on 2nd September, 1958.Minutes adopted 13th September, 1958.File No. T.125.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT TO ST. JOSEPH'S HOME, TERMONBACCA : Details of the twenty children admitted from County Londonderry were submitted.

RESOLVED that :

(a) the County Welfare Committee be recommended to have the application for grant placed before the N.I. Association of County and County Borough Welfare Committees. 7X

(b) the Managers of the Home be assured that the Committee will accept financial responsibility for any children admitted on its authority - the Chairman was authorised to sanction admissions in an emergency. 11

(c) to relieve the present position in the Home consideration would be given to the boarding-out of any suitable children.

See W.C.C.'s minutes of 13.9.58 M.

T.125

3rd October, 1958.

Dear Mr. McAteer,

I am afraid that the decision made by the Ministry on the general principle in regard to grants by Welfare Authorities under Section 118(2) of the Children and Young Persons Act (W.I.), 1950, is final and that therefore there is no hope of the decision on the particular case now in question being altered. You have, however, raised some specific points in your letter of 30th September which must, we feel, be answered in order to make the position quite clear.

If you will read the passage in the second reading speech to which you refer in conjunction with the remarks of Mr. Maginess recorded at the top of Column 1879 you will find that there is nothing inconsistent between the statements then made and the decision now reached.

The basic principle, as stated in Column 1879, is that it is not the intention to supplement the funds of Voluntary Homes by Government grants. It is, as indicated in Column 1876, hoped, with the co-operation of the organisers, to use the facilities of Voluntary Homes where long-term institutional accommodation is called for, and, to complete the picture, in the penultimate paragraph of Column 1878, it was hoped that the Voluntary Homes would co-operate with the Welfare Authorities by using the facilities provided by the Authorities for boarding out children in Voluntary Homes whose cases did not call for long-stay institutional accommodation. In terms of finance, these three aspects of the one problem contemplate that, while Voluntary Homes will continue to be independent charitable organisations responsible for their own financial upkeep, a Welfare Authority will pay a Home for the maintenance of any children accepted by the Home from the Welfare Authority for institutional accommodation and, conversely, will take over, and pay the cost of boarding out, any children in Voluntary Homes who, in the opinion of the Managers, would be better boarded out than indefinitely sequestered in an institution. It is to be regretted that more use has not been made of this last-mentioned practice, which might have reduced the strain upon their accommodation and funds, at times felt by some of the Homes.

The use of Section 118(1) is in rather a different category and should not be confused with the aspects dealt with above. The Ministry is charged with the duty of ensuring that certain physical standards (which can in certain circumstances be regarded as including the standard of qualified staffing in, to take an example, a Babies' Home) are maintained in Voluntary Homes. If a Home cannot maintain or reach those standards it is the duty of the Ministry to withdraw its certificate of registration. Many of the Homes have been in existence for a long time, and to conform to the necessary standards major works of improvement (but not of increase of capacity) or replacement may be needed. Since Parliament has recognised the value and place of these Voluntary Homes in the general child welfare scheme it was perfectly logical for Parliament to provide, in Section 118(1), that where the financial circumstances were such that the Home could not, from its own resources, cope with the full cost of conforming to the standards, assistance could be given from Government funds (and therefore indirectly in part from local funds under the cost-sharing principle) to avoid the regrettable alternative of the withdrawal of registration and so the loss of the facilities provided by the Home. It is quite obvious in this connection that contributions of this kind should be made only from one source and that individual Welfare Authorities could not be allowed to duplicate or supplement assistance given by the Government after full review of the needs of the case. All grants made under Section 118(1) have been made in strict conformity with the principles enunciated above.

Having very carefully reviewed the subject and having reached the conclusion indicated, the Ministry, as the Private Secretary indicated in his last letter, made enquiry of the Home Office, which administers a provision in the

/English



25, William Street,
Derry City.

30th September, 1958

My Ref. F.197/16

The Private Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Stormont,
Belfast.

Dear Private Secretary,

St. Joseph's Home for Boys, Termonbacca, Derry, N.I.

Thank you for your letter of 26th instant.

I do not follow the reasoning used for the refusal. Section 118 (2) authorises the Ministry to make grants if it so wills and all that is needed in this case is the will. How on earth could there be anything improper in the Ministry agreeing that the primary object of this Home is the welfare of children?

If, however, it is for some reason deemed essential to view the claim only from Section 118 (1), it could still be allowed. The accounts show a debit of £1,668 for salaries and wages and surely this must be regarded as "securing that voluntary homes will be better provided with qualified staff". If, in turn, the Ministry manage to knock down this argument, would not the years of improving and equipping of the premises without grant from public funds safely tide the claim over to success?

I have refreshed my memory by reading the then Minister's Second Reading speech introducing the Bill in 1949. In the Official Report, Volume 33 at column 1876, last sentence of the second last paragraph there is a hope expressed. A hope which must be injured by the Ministry's veto in this case.

All that is needed here is a right act of will. Be assured that the public purse is on a very good bargain in getting £12,000 of first class Welfare work for a mere £1,000.

Yours sincerely,


E. McAteer

Stormont,

Belfast.

26th September, 1958.

Dear Mr. McAteer,

You wrote on the 19th September about a grant of £1,000 to St. Joseph's Home for Boys, Tormonbaca.

I have now looked into this matter and have found that, while a contribution to St. Joseph's was in fact approved in 1957, the Ministry has since investigated the position very thoroughly and, in the light of the provision that is made for voluntary children's homes in Section 118(1) of the Children and Young Persons Act (N.I.), 1950, has now come to the conclusion that the payment of contributions towards the running expenses of a voluntary children's home under Section 118(2) of the Act would be improper use of that provision. Incidentally, a similar interpretation is placed by the Home Office authorities on the corresponding provision in their children's code.

In these circumstances the Ministry had no alternative but to withhold approval of the Londonderry County Borough Welfare Authority's latest proposal in this connection.

Yours sincerely,

E. WALKER.

Private Secretary

E. G. McAteer, Esq., M.P.,
25 William Street,
LONDONDERRY.

CAB/4/1272/10

SECRET

CONCLUSIONS OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD AT
STORMONT CASTLE AT 11.15 A.M. ON
TUESDAY, 7TH JULY, 1964.

PRESENT:- The Prime Minister
The Minister of Finance
The Minister of Home Affairs
The Minister of Labour and National Insurance
The Minister of Education
The Minister of Agriculture
The Minister of Commerce
The Minister of Health and Local Government
The Minister in the Senate

ALSO PRESENT:- The Chief Whip

The Secretary to the Cabinet
Deputy Principal

The Private Secretary to the Prime Minister

1. PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE STRANRAER RAIL LINK

Introducing the Joint Memorandum dated 1st July, 1964, the Minister of Home Affairs stated that the Minister of Transport seemed very determined to accept the compromise proposal which had been put forward by British Railways. The Minister of Home Affairs added that he had discussed the proposal with the Local Action Committee and the Secretary of State for Scotland and both had indicated that they were prepared to accept it.

The Minister of Commerce said that while the compromise represented the best terms which were likely to be obtained nevertheless he felt that every effort should be made to bring pressure to bear on British Railways to ensure that any increase in passenger fares was kept to a minimum. He also referred to the effect, particularly on the North Antrim resorts, which the alternative service for summer traffic between the North East of England and Northern Ireland would have unless improvements were made in the proposed service. In general he was prepared to support the compromise proposal.

The Prime Minister commented that it would be unfortunate if the Northern Ireland members at Westminster accepted the proposal and the Scottish members did not. The Minister of Home Affairs replied that some of the Scottish Action Committee were reluctant to accept the compromise, but the Local Scottish Member of Parliament had indicated his approval.

The Minister of Home Affairs explained that the Secretary of State for Scotland had said that his acceptance of the proposal was conditional on the railway track between Dumfries and Stranraer remaining available for re-opening until such time as the alternative route proved itself. Northern Ireland's acceptance of the proposal could similarly be made conditional and

/he suggested

CAB/4/1272/3

*A Meeting of Her Majesty's
 Servants will be held at
 Stormont Castle at 11.15 a.m.
 o'clock on Tuesday
 the 7th July, 1964
 which the Minister of (all Ministers)
 is desired to attend.*

Agenda:

Proposed closure of Stranraer Rail
 Link
 Intoxicating Liquor
 Slaughterhouses
 Medicines Legislation
 Proposed Grant to St. Joseph's
 Children's Home

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2nd July, 1964.

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Memorandum for the Cabinet by the Minister of Home Affairs
on
Proposed Grant to St. Joseph's Children's Home, Termonbacca

An approach has been made to my Department for a grant towards the cost of major improvements at St. Joseph's Home, Termonbacca, Londonderry. St. Joseph's is registered under the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1950 as a voluntary children's home and accommodates some 90 boys between the ages of 2 and 16.

The present standards of accommodation at this home fall considerably below what my Department would regard as desirable in a home for deprived children and major improvements could certainly be said to be necessary. No plans of the proposed improvements have yet been prepared but a figure of £50,000 has been mentioned as the possible cost involved.

Under S.118(1) of the Act of 1950 my Department is empowered, subject to the consent of the Ministry of Finance, to pay grants towards expenses incurred by voluntary organisations in improving the premises or equipment of voluntary children's homes or in providing qualified staff. Apart from such grants, the voluntary homes are financed entirely by voluntary efforts except in so far as they accommodate children who are "in care" of welfare authorities, for whom they charge a weekly maintenance rate. Voluntary homes are subject to inspection by my Department and have to be conducted in accordance with regulations made by the Department.

Before paying grants from public funds to voluntary homes it has been the practice of my Department to satisfy itself that there is a real financial need and that the home in question is unable to meet the cost of necessary improvements from its own resources. A serious difficulty arises in attempting to apply this test in the present case; while it is clear from the accounts that St. Joseph's cannot finance the proposed improvements from its own immediate resources, the home cannot, with certainty, be said to be entirely independent since it is under the auspices of the Order of Nazareth, a world-wide foundation with headquarters in London. St. Joseph's is known to have received substantial contributions (£10,500 in the period 1953-57) from these headquarters. On learning of these contributions in

/connection

6. PROPOSED GRANT TO ST. JOSEPH'S CHILDREN'S HOME, TERMONBACCA

Introducing his Memorandum dated 15th January, 1965, the Minister of Home Affairs explained that the Maconachie Committee had been set up as a "buffer" between his Department and Parliament, to which applications for grant under the 1950 Act could be referred.

The Minister of Finance suggested, and it was agreed, that this particular case should not be referred to the Committee. The Minister of Home Affairs should offer grant at the rate of 25%, while offering to reconsider the question if the authorities responsible for the Home would agree to release those details of the finances of the Nazareth Order which had been sought.

7. POSSIBLE LEGISLATION TO AMEND THE BETTING AND LOTTERIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1957

Introducing his Memorandum dated 21st January, 1965, the Minister of Home Affairs said that the circumstances arising out of slum clearance had not been visualised when the 1957 Act was before Parliament. This question had already come to a head in Londonderry, and was bound to do so in Belfast also. He felt that any amending legislation would be better left to a Private Member, but he was not wedded in any way to the person named in the Memorandum.

The Chief Whip said that he considered it wrong to use a Private Member for such a purpose. The individual contemplated would let it be known, if pressed, that the Government had asked him to undertake the task. The Government would then have to incur the odium of having used a "back-door" method - it would be assumed because of the earlier trouble over grants to racecourses. In any case, he did not think there was a strong case for legislation.

The Minister of Finance also considered that it would be inappropriate to place such a matter - involving as it did questions of taxation - in the hands of a Private Member.

After further discussion it was agreed that the Government should take no initiative by way of amendment of the 1957 Act, either directly or through a Private Member.

8. LOCKWOOD REPORT

The Minister of Education informed his colleagues of amendments to the Government Statement to take account of a Treasury point that there should be no specific reference to 1980 figures. This was in line with the Statement on the Robbins Report. The Government Statement was approved as amended.

9. VISITS ABROAD

There being no comments by Ministers, the proposed visits abroad notified by the Secretary to the Cabinet's Memorandum of 21st January, 1965, were approved.

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CAB/4/1290/9

Memorandum for the Cabinet by the Minister of Home Affairs
On
Proposed Grant to St. Joseph's Children's Home, Termonbacca

I should like to refer my colleagues to my predecessor's memorandum of 1st July, 1964, and to item 2 of the conclusions of the Cabinet meeting of 7th July, 1964, in which my predecessor was asked to review the position and refer the question of this proposed grant to a further Cabinet meeting.

In putting the matter once more before my colleagues I should like first to clarify some of the points which arose during discussion on 7th July.

In the first place my Department has at no time paid grant to a voluntary organisation under Section 118(1) of the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1950 without first inquiring into the financial position of the home concerned. It was in the course of such an inquiry in the case of Termonbacca that the availability of loans to this home from the mother house of the Nazareth Order first came to light. There has been no evidence of any similar contributions from a parent organisation in the case of any other applications for grant, including those from other homes of the Nazareth Order.

I have looked at the comparison that was made between this home and Dr. Barnardo's. The latter organisation has never in fact sought grants of this kind from the Ministry and its financial arrangements are entirely centralised: individual homes belonging to Dr. Barnardo's are not required to be financially self-supporting.

A grant has not been refused in respect of the De La Salle Boys' Home at Kircubbin. In August, 1961, the then Minister of Home Affairs agreed that an application on behalf of this home should be referred to the Maconachie Committee. It has not yet been possible to reach final agreement on the form of development which will be the subject of the application. Although the De La Salle Order is world wide there is no reason to suppose that it could or would provide financial assistance for this particular home; the establishment of the home was financed largely by means of a bank loan on which a debt of more than £20,000 was still outstanding in 1959.

The number of children from Eire in St. Joseph's was also

/mentioned.

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S E C R E T

CONCLUSIONS OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD AT
STORMONT CASTLE ON THURSDAY, 27TH OCTOBER,
1966, AT 11.15 A.M.

PRESENT:- The Prime Minister
The Minister of Commerce
The Minister of Finance
The Minister of Home Affairs
The Minister of Health and Social Services
The Minister of Education
The Minister of Agriculture (for items 4 - 9)
The Minister of Development
The Minister of State at the Ministry of
Development
The Minister in the Senate
The Leader of the House of Commons

ALSO PRESENT:- The Attorney-General (for Items 1 and 2)

The Secretary to the Cabinet
The Private Secretary to the Prime Minister

1. CABINET EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

The Prime Minister said he thought it necessary in the present economic situation to re-activate the Employment Committee of the Cabinet so that the unemployment effects of the credit squeeze could be kept under review. He recalled that the First Secretary of State, writing to Mr. Sam Napier of the Northern Ireland Labour Party on 16th September, had promised "full and fair consideration" for any additional measures which the Northern Ireland Government might feel were needed to strengthen the Northern Ireland economy. It was important for the Government to demonstrate that they had taken this offer up and the first task of the Committee should, therefore, be to consider proposals for submission to London.

The Minister of Health and Social Services thought it likely that by next February unemployment could have reached a figure of 40,000 - 45,000 if present trends continued. He suggested that before the Employment Committee met the possibility of an expansion in winter relief schemes should be examined by the Ministry of Finance.

/The Minister

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SECRET

Memorandum for the Cabinet by the Minister of Home Affairs
on
GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY CHILDREN'S HOMES

I should like to call the attention of my colleagues to two questions which were touched on during earlier discussions of a proposed grant to St. Joseph's Home, Termonbacca (Memoranda by my predecessor and myself dated 1st July, 1964, and 1st January, 1965, and Cabinet Conclusions of 7th July, 1964, and 27th January, 1965, refer).

The first question relates to the role of the Committee set up under Miss Maconachie's Chairmanship by my predecessor, the late Judge Hanna. This Committee's functions were briefly set out in the final paragraph of my predecessor's Memorandum of 1st July, 1964. Its real purpose was to forestall criticism which might be directed at my department over the payment of grants under the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1950. I have been reviewing the Committee's position in the light of recent developments, particularly the Cabinet decision that the Termonbacca grant should not be referred to it, and the recent report on the role of voluntary homes by the Child Welfare Council. I have come to the conclusion that applications for grant should no longer be referred to this Committee. In reaching this conclusion I had in mind particularly the facts -

- (1) that the Committee has not met for more than five years;
- (2) that it is not really in a position to gain such experience of the problems involved as would give its recommendations real weight and value;
- (3) that it has no statutory basis and no right of entry to the establishments it is supposed to visit;
- (4) (as was recognised in the Termonbacca case) that it is always a possibility that such a body could make embarrassing or unacceptable recommendations; and
- (5) that the final responsibility in these matters is laid firmly by statute on myself and my department (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Finance).

In view of the earlier discussions I thought it proper that my colleagues should be consulted.

COUNTY WELFARE OFFICER'S STATEMENT OF CHARGEABILITY

The County Welfare Officer's Statement of Chargeability as at 31st March, 1965, of which each Member had received a copy was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following letters were submitted:-

NORTH REGIONAL
ASSOCIATION
FOR THE BLIND

dated 1st April, 1965 from North Regional Association for the Blind Leeds - Notice of Annual Meeting at Middlesbrough on 30th June 1965. - Noted.

GRANT AID
WELFARE/CHILD
CARE

dated 1st April 1965 from N.I. Association of County and County Borough Welfare Committees forwarding copy of letter from Ministry of Health and Social Services regarding Agreement on Grant Aid Welfare/Child Care apportionment of "common" expenditure (70% to General Welfare and 30% to Child Care Services) and recommending acceptance of this Agreement with implementation in respect of the financial year 1964/65.

RESOLVED that the Agreement be accepted.

FINANCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR SPECIAL
CARE CASES

dated 1st April, 1965 from the N.I. Association of County and County Borough Welfare Committees forwarding copy of schedule outlining the division of responsibilities in this field and recommending acceptance by Welfare Authorities.

RESOLVED that responsibility be accepted as indicated.

COLLEGE OF
NURSING
CONFERENCE

Resolved that the County Welfare Officer be empowered to send members of the Welfare staffs to a Royal College of Nursing day Conference on "Community Care for the Aged" to be held on 12th May 1965 at Belfast.

GRANT
NAZARETH HOUSE,
LONDONDERRY
& ST. JOSEPH'S
HOME, TERMONBACCA

dated 7th April, 1965 from Londonderry County Borough Welfare Committee stating that subject to Ministry approval, they proposed giving grants of £1,000 and £500 respectively to Nazareth House, Londonderry and St. Joseph's Home for Boys, Termonbacca and suggesting that as only a proportion of the residents in both homes emanated from Londonderry City and no other Welfare Committee makes a grant to either home, Londonderry County should consider joining the City Authority in the making of these grants.

RESOLVED that Londonderry City be informed that as County cases admitted to these Voluntary Homes are paid for on the basis of the agreed Standard Charge levied, Committee is not in favour of making a Revenue Grant.

ASSISTED BURIALS

Application considered and dealt with as follows:-

Applicant

Deceased

Grant Approved.

NIL.

INITIALS

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for the Elderly, which had been prepared by a Sub-Committee of the Ministry's Standing Medical Advisory Committee, to Chief Welfare Officers and to authorize them to submit views to the Ministry.

555 Craft Instructors - Salary Scales

Subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health and Social Services it was decided to recommend the creation of additional grades of staff viz:-

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| (a) Workshop Instructor | Salary Scale T.3. | £930 - £1095 p.a. |
| (b) Superintendent Instructor | Salary Scale T.4. | £1095 - £1310 p.a. |

556 "Arlington" Boys' Club

It was decided to refer a request for a review of maintenance charge from this Club to Chief Welfare Officers for consideration and submission of a report.

557 Catholic Family Welfare Society - Diocese of Down & Connor

In a letter dated 6th March, 1970 the Rev. Sean Lowry, Catholic Family Welfare Society, had suggested that the Good Shepherd Sisters would consider the provision of a small unit of suitable accommodation for unmarried mothers and their children.

It was decided to refer the matter to Chief Welfare Officers for consideration and submission of a report.

558 St. Joseph's Home, Termonbacca.

In a letter dated 3rd March, 1970 the Ministry of Home Affairs advised that St. Joseph's Home had now produced plans for the modernizing of this Home which were likely to cost in the region of £93,000. The Ministry were of the opinion that a grant of £45,000 should be paid and suggested that the grant should be spread over the financial years 1970/71 - £12,000; 1971/62 - £28,000 and 1972/73 - £5,000.

Recoupment of the Welfare Authorities' share (50%) should be made in these three years.

It was decided to refer the matter to Chief Welfare Officers for consideration and submission of a report.

559 Date and Place of Next Meeting

It was decided to hold the next Quarterly Meeting in either County Tyrone or County Antrim on Wednesday, 10th June, 1970.

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520 Public Employment Procedures

The Hon. Secretary reported that he had consulted with the Association of Health Committees as instructed.

Observations on the Model Code of Procedure had been prepared, it was agreed that these should be circulated to Chief Welfare Officers and submitted to the Association of County Councils.

544 Salvation Army Eventide Home

It was decided to recommend payment of a maintenance charge of £7. 0. 0. per week to this Home with effect from 3rd November, 1969.

552 Re-organization of Central Training Council

The Hon. Secretary reported that with a letter dated 16th July, 1970 the Ministry had submitted a further document about the proposed Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work and had asked for comments before the end of July.

A copy of the document had been circulated to all Chief Welfare Officers, they had no comments to make and the Ministry had been so informed.

It was agreed to accept the Hon. Secretary's report.

555 Craft Instructors Salary Scales

It was reported that Mr. Mason and the Hon. Secretary had discussed the Association's proposals relating to Craft and Workshop Instructors salaries with officials of the Ministry on the 15th July when it had been agreed that the Association would write to the Ministry seeking approval to the creating of a grade of staff to be known as Superintendent Instructor. The Ministry had intimated that the matter of salary scale for this grade would then be for the Joint Board to decide.

After discussion the Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to the Joint Board recommending that a grade of Superintendent Instructor be created on a salary scale of T4.

558 St. Joseph's Home, Termonbacca.

In a letter dated June, 1970 the Ministry of Home Affairs advised that a contract had been placed for the alterations to this Home and the latest estimated cost was now £103,500. This will not effect the grant payable which is a maximum of £45,000. The contract period is 15 months and this will mean that expenditure of over £40,000 will have to be met in the 1970/71 financial year. In these circumstances the Ministry consider that grants as originally proposed for 1970/71; 1971/72; and 1972/73 would be appropriate.

It was appreciated that Welfare Committees had not been able to make provision for this grant in their current estimates. In the light of the Ministry's comments it was agreed to recommend payment of grant over the period suggested by the Ministry.

562 Our Lady's Hospice, Beechmount, Belfast.

It was decided to recommend payment of an increased charge of £8. 8. 0. per week to this Home with effect from 1st January, 1970.

563 Disabled Drivers Association

It was decided to recommend payment of a grant of £200 to this Association for the year ending 31st March, 1971 on a population basis and as follows:-

Antrim	-	£42. 5. 7.
Down	-	£38. 11. 11.

/Armagh

- Miss Horgan: 1) To associate with file & await payment.
 2) File can stay on B/F - we are also waiting details of the Home's solicitors.
 3) Copy taken for F & B.
- Mr. T. Jones 23/2/87

Nazareth House,
 Malahide Road,
 Dublin 3.
 20th. February 1987.

25/2/87
 Mrs. D.A. Brown,
 Child Care and Social Policy Division,
 Department of Health and Social Services,
 Dundonald House,
 Upper Newtownards Road,
 Belfast BT4 3SF.

Dear Mrs. Brown,

Thank you for your letter of the 18th. February concerning the repayment of capital grants following the closure of St. Joseph's, Termonbacca and Nazareth House, Portadown and the change of use of Nazareth House Children's Home, Ormeau Road, Belfast.

I am very pleased that this matter has been resolved and I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the Trustees in Hammersmith, London who will make the direct repayment of £2,067.25 to the Cashier, F1 Branch, Castle Buildings, Stormont.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter and for your consideration at all times.

Yours sincerely,

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Regional Superior.

Mr H R Tinsley
Finance Division

SISTERS OF NAZARETH - CLOSURE OF CHILDREN'S HOMES

St Joseph's Children's Home, Termonbacca, Londonderry, one of a number of properties in Northern Ireland owned and managed by the Sisters of Nazareth, closed in May 1982. As the premises were registered under the Children and Young Persons Act (NI) 1968 as a residential home, the Order had been grant aided on a number of occasions between the years 1957 and 1974 by this Department and the former Ministry of Home Affairs to the extent of £64187 towards renovations and improvements to the property. Each grant was subject to a written undertaking to the effect that if the establishment ceased to operate as a children's home within a specified period, an appropriate proportion of the grant would be repayable to the Department. At the time of closure, the amount liable to be recovered on foot of these undertakings totalled £52290.

The principle reason for the home's closure was that due to changing practices and trends in child care, which now strongly favour fostering children with individual families rather than boarding them in large residential homes, the Order was unable to maintain occupancy of Termonbacca and another home in the Londonderry area at financially viable levels, given the per capita charges negotiated with the Health and Social Services Board who have the statutory duty to ensure that children in care are suitably accommodated. Faced with this surplus capacity some rationalisation was inevitable, and as the roof of the Termonbacca building was in need of substantial repair which the Order could not afford, it was decided that the home should close. While this decision was taken with regret, it was recognised that the elimination of spare capacity thus brought about would enhance the financial viability of the Order's other home in the area.

We sympathised with the Sisters in their difficulties. The Order has for many years demonstrated a strong and abiding commitment to child care, and while we could not accede to their request to waive the total amount outstanding, we felt that it would not be appropriate for the Department to press its claim in full. Although the written undertakings mentioned above all covered a period of 40 years, current practice within this Department is to restrict such undertakings to a maximum period of 15 years, and, having ascertained your views (Tab A), we considered that recovery should be limited accordingly. Calculated on the basis of a 15 year period from the end of each of the financial years in which a grant was paid, the amount due would be £23306, which represents a curtailment in the Department's demand of less than £29000. We put the matter to DFP in this light (our letter of 23 November 1983 - Tab B) and have now received an unfavourable reply (Tab C).

The response from DFP was long delayed, and in the interim 2 further homes run by the same Order have also found that they are unable to continue in operation due to falling occupancy levels - Nazareth House, Belfast, which closed at the end of May 1984, and Nazareth House, Portadown where closure is being effected at the present time. The Belfast home had received grants totalling £46700 in March 1982 towards the installation of a new

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SR 2

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Please reply to The Secretary
Your reference

Our reference

Date

3rd March 1994

Dear Sister **SR 2**

Further to my letter of 26 January regarding financial assistance towards the costs of implementing fire precaution recommendations and the installation of two pay phones in Nazareth House I am pleased to confirm that the Department is able to offer a once only grant of £3,485.

This payment comprises :-

£2,907 - which represents 75% of £3,876, the cost of implementing the fire recommendations; and

£578 - which represents 75% of £770, the cost of installing two pay phones.

A payable order for this amount will be issued within the next few days and I would be grateful if you would acknowledge its receipt. I would also appreciate copies of receipts for the work, when available.

As regards support for the provision of a separate kitchen in the children's home, the Department would be pleased to consider an application in 1994/95. Responsibility for the administration of the budget in support of voluntary children's homes is, however, passing to Purchasing and Performance Review Branch 3 in the Department from 1 April 1994. You should therefore, liaise about this scheme with Mr Chris Stewart (Tel No 524390) or Mr Michael Downey (Tel No 524430).

Yours sincerely

R Keenan
Child Care and Family Branch

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14. What opportunities are provided for quiet reading, homework, and/or hobbies? We have rooms set apart for these occupations.
15. In what other ways do the children spend their leisure? In cycling, skating, dancing, violin playing, games e.g. Table Tennis. Younger children have swings etc.,
- 16.(a) In the case of children discharged other than to their parents or relatives, what provision is made for after-care by -
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| (i) finding employment | We find employment suitable to their abilities and tastes. In finding |
| (ii) finding lodgings | lodgings we have very capable out- |
| (iii) visiting | side helpers. |
| (iv) supplementing earnings? | |
- (b) Are these services provided by -
- | | |
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| (i) a full-time officer | |
| (ii) a part-time officer | |
| (iii) voluntary help? | Yes. |
17. Are your financial resources sufficient to meet your ordinary day-to-day expenses, and to enable you to employ all the staff you think should be employed, and to have premises adequate for modern standards of child-care? Yes.
18. Are there any desirable developments which you are unable to undertake for reasons of financial difficulty, e.g.:-
- | | |
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| (a) improvement of premises and staffing; | No. |
| (b) employment of a field worker to investigate applications for admission and after-care work? | - |
19. If your financial resources are insufficient, it would be of assistance to the Council if you would give information on the following:- Our financial resources are sufficient.
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| (a) annual running costs of the home; | |
| (b) capital fund; | |

14. What opportunities are provided for quiet reading, homework, and/or hobbies?

As far as possible, having regard to our restricted & inadequate accommodation.

15. In what other ways do the children spend their leisure?

In cycling, dancing, Silver Band
Boxing, young children have
Swings
These activities also encouraged

- 16.(a) In the case of children discharged other than to their parents or relatives, what provision is made for after-care by -

- | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|
| (i) finding employment ... | ... | ... |
| (ii) finding lodgings ... | ... | ... |
| (iii) visiting ... | ... | ... |
| (iv) supplementing earnings? | ... | ... |

We find employment suitable to their abilities & tastes.
In finding lodgings we have very capable people

- (b) Are these services provided by -

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|
| (i) a full-time officer .. | ... | ... |
| (ii) a part-time officer .. | ... | ... |
| (iii) voluntary help? | ... | ... |

By voluntary help only

17. Are your financial resources sufficient to meet your ordinary day-to-day expenses, and to enable you to employ all the staff you think should be employed, and to have premises adequate for modern standards of child-care?

No

18. Are there any desirable developments which you are unable to undertake for reasons of financial difficulty, e.g.:-

- (a) improvement of premises and staffing;
(b) employment of a field worker to investigate applications for admission and after-care work?

Yes - We badly need sleeping accommodation modernised more play space etc
at an estimate cost of
£50,000 to replace old
congested iron structures

19. If your financial resources are insufficient, it would be of assistance to the Council if you would give information on the following:-

- (a) annual running costs of the home;
(b) capital fund;

£11,000 and Subsistence from Farm
None save perhaps the value of the Farm itself.

Child Training
Fund

Derry 262180



Nazareth House,
Bishop Street,
Derry.
6.2.1989.

Dear Mr. Watson,

Thank you for your 'Draft' of 'Operational Planning Proposals 1989/90' and for giving us the opportunity to read this document. We certainly would be grateful to avail of training in the field of Child Abuse as this is an area which is giving increasing concern to us in Residential Care.

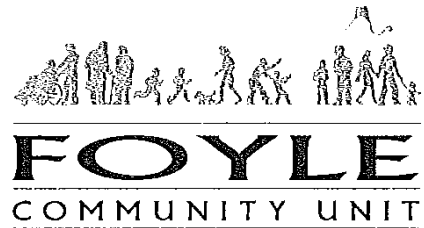
May I take this opportunity to say thank you for the sum of £10,000, to increase the capitation fee payable for each child placed here at Nazareth House and indeed for your on-going support.

Yours sincerely,

SR 2

O.I.C.

Fund
slc/fj



Foyle Unit of Management
Riverview Park
Abercorn Road
Londonderry BT48 6SB
Telephone: (0504) 266111

28 September 1993

SR 2

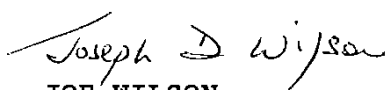
Nazareth House
Bishop Street
L'derry

Dear SR 2

I am pleased to enclose our cheque for £15,230 in respect of 2 unqualified residential Social Workers for the period 1.4.93 to 30.9.93.

Foyle staff will take the opportunity to explain this funding in more detail when they meet with you in the near future.

Yours sincerely


JOE WILSON
Acting Unit Accountant



Enc

cc Mr **SND 425** A/AUGM
Mr Peter McLaughlin A/UGM



NAZARETH HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOME

BISHOP STREET

DERRY

BT48 6UW

TEL: 261976

23 December 1993

Mrs E Way
Unit General Manager
Foyle Community Unit
Riverview Park
Abercorn Road
DERRY
BT48 6SB

Dear Elaine

Thank you very much for meeting with Rory and I on 16 December despite your heavy schedule. You certainly clarified a way forward and relieved some of our fears and anxieties.

Thank you very much for your cheque of £51,670 in relation to Night coverage and down payment to help our cash flow. Again this has been a tremendous help and much appreciated.

I have received copies of the contract to which I will respond after the holidays.

May I now take this opportunity to invite you at your convenience to visit Nazareth. I would like you to see at first hand the services we are giving and hope to continue in the future.

Finally all at Nazareth unite in wishing you and your staff a very happy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.

Yours sincerely

SR 2



J. M. J.

Nazareth House
Bishop Street
Derry

Derry 261976

FILE COPY

17 July 1992

Mr Dominic Burke
Director of Social Care
Western Health & Social Services Board
15 Gransha Park
Clooney Road
Derry
BT47 1TG

Dear Mr Burke

Further to my letter of 20th March to Mr Tom Haverty, Chief Social Work Advisor, I write to update you on the work of our Home.

During the past few months, the numbers of children and young people in residence at any one time has ranged between 18 and 20. As I am sure you will know from your units of management, many of these children are quite difficult to control and providing appropriate programmes of care for them is both time consuming and staff intensive.

You are aware that the children are accommodated in two units plus our semi-independent flat which we believe is an appropriate structure to allow for the children to feel a part of a small group while contributing positively to the quality of life within their environment.

As I stressed in my previous letter, staffing levels dictate the quality and range of care that we can offer our young people and at present while we believe our highly motivated and committed team are working to their full potential, we know that there is a need to supplement their work with additional staff.

Therefore, I must ask you to consider making additional funds available to allow us to achieve the aforementioned aim.

I would appreciate an early response to this correspondence as it would help us in our deliberations in programming our services.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continuing support and hope that you will give this request positive consideration as it is in all our interests to give children who are experiencing a difficult period in their lives a quality service.

Yours sincerely

Sr. Teresa

Sr Teresa King

c.c. Mother **SR 9** Mother Regional)

Mr Tom Haverty (Chief Social Work Advisor)

Mr Jim Kearney (Assistant Secretary D.H.S.S.)

Mr John Quinliven (Child Care N.I.)

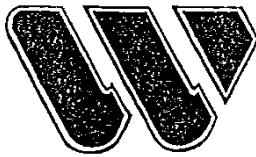
Marion Reynolds (D.H.S.S. Inspectorate)

Mr Brian Sharkey (Chairman, Management Committee)

Mr Rory McAteer (Fergus McAteer & Company)



AREA BOARD HEADQUARTERS



Please use this reference in your reply

Our Ref: TH.dm
 Your Ref:
 Date 22 July 1992

Sister **SR 2**
 Nazareth House
 Bishop Street
 Londonderry

Dear Sister **SR 2**

Thank you for your letter of 17 July 1992 to Mr Burke who is currently on annual leave.

At our meeting on 2 March 1992 we explored this possibility of Nazareth House, reducing its number of places to 17 in light of the Board's current strategy for Family and Child Care services. I wonder whether your management committee have yet reached a decision on this matter?

Given that the contract for services at your Home is between Foyle Community Unit and Nazareth House, I wonder if you are currently discussing with the Unit Managers at Riverview the staffing requirements for the Home?

I expect your member of staff, Mr **SND 338** has now returned from his professional social work course and arrangements are being finalised to second two members of staff this year. Do you envisage having any difficulty in replacing them with qualified temporary staff?

I am forwarding a copy of your letter to Mrs Burnside and Mr Johnston.

Looking forward to meeting you soon again.

Yours sincerely

THOMAS HAVERTY
 Chief Social Work Adviser

cc Mrs S Burnside
 Mr B Johnston

there is an establishment of 11 residential Social Work staff for a facility registered for 23 children. Two care assistants are employed in unit 1 to assist with the cover of sleeping in duties. The Team Leader (unit 1) is rostered to work a range of duties in addition to undertaking her management duties. The Deputy Officer-in-Charge while not rostered is in effect on 24 hours a day call 7 days a week. The management duties of these staff are inhibited by their work practices, as it reduces the time available for staff supervision, team development and business planning. The existing staffing level, however, requires that the Team Leader and Deputy Officer-in-Charge are available to work as part of the staff team.

10.4 A review of the duty rota demonstrates that cover is provided on the following basis:

- in general one member of staff is on duty in the morning. In unit 2 Sister would also be available;
- staff's shifts commence at 2.00pm and 3.00pm to provide maximum cover when children are at home.

This level of morning cover continues on Saturday and Sunday mornings and during school holiday periods. While Sister's presence in unit 2 provides the potential for 2 staff to be available, given her wider brief this may not always be practical. A review of rosters is required to ensure that 2 residential social workers are available at times when all children are at home.

10.5 Current staffing levels are unacceptably low, particularly when one considers the low level of training within the staff group. As the main purchaser of services the WHSSB, as the corporate parent, is responsible for the standard of care and equity of provision experienced by children in residential care within the voluntary and statutory sectors. There should be comparability of provision across sectors. The current capitation funding for each child prohibits the employment of additional staff and is much below the average costs both within the statutory and voluntary child care sectors. The relative figures are:

STATUTORY SECTOR
Average Cost per resident
per week 1991/92

WHSSB	£522.77
EHSSB	£662.87
NHSSB	£644.61
SHSSB	£588.61
Provincial	
Average	£604.71

VOLUNTARY SECTOR
Capitation Charge
per week at 31.3.92

WHSSB	£318.00*
EHSSB	£498.20
NHSSB	£514.54
SHSSB	£395.00
Provincial	
Average	£431.43

* Now £343

Ministry of Home Affairs
Dundonald House
Upper Newtownards Road
Belfast BT4 3SU

Mr Wild

In a recent conversation with you I made mention of the Child Care Capital programme which Home Affairs currently hold in its PESC allocation. On a county basis this reads:-

	1973/74	1974/75	1975/76	1976/77
<u>Antrim County Council</u>				
Conway, Islandmagee	1,000	54,000	54,000	-
Reception/Assessment Unit	1,000	40,000	75,000	
<u>Belfast County Borough</u>				
Bawnmore	30,000	130,000	40,000	
North Road	15,000			
Palmerston Road	4,000			
2 Community Homes	75,000	15,000		
<u>Armagh County Council</u>				
Girls' Hostel, Craigavon		10,000		
New Home, Craigavon	20,000	60,000	50,000	
<u>Down County Council</u>				
Marmion	26,000	12,000		
New Home, Downpatrick	40,000	40,000	28,000	
Girls' Hostel	5,000			
<u>Londonderry County Council</u>				
Family Group Home		4,000		
<u>Londonderry County Borough</u>				
Fort James	15,000			
Clarendon Street Hostel	1,000			
Miscellaneous Homes		60,000	60,000	

233,000 425,000 307,000

To this programme should be added the agreed programme for Voluntary Homes as follows:-

St Joseph's, Termonbacca (50)	10,000		
Mother of Mercy, Newry (75)	10,000	70,000	20,000
Rubane, De La Salle, Kircubbin (100)	5,000	40,000	
Childhaven (100)	15,000		
Miscellaneous Grants	40,000	72,000	72,000

80,000 182,000 92,000

You may find it a useful exercise to draw this programme to the attention of the Directors at their next get-together. I will certainly be at your and their disposal if needed. I would merely add that the demands imposed on us by the Kiltonga exercise have resulted in the programme falling into slight arrears. This however may prove a blessing since some re-phasing of the programme may be envisaged by the Directors.

3yrs Bond £ 965,000
Vol Homes £ 354,000

313,000 607,000 399,000

£ 1,319,000

J. M. IRVING

2, August 1973