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 Subject: IRAQ -NICS Help

Linda

Gareth is boarding all day so I have gone ahead and spoken to the FCO - in fact its my former colleague for Washington who is running the coordination unit. The GB departments have already responded exceptionally well. The NIO has put forward names of some very good people in the security end there are more than enough health professionals and administrators from GB. 3

The gaps are in areas such as water treatment, sewage and electricity supply. What Robert Chatterton Dickson wants is people who can make 'cities work'. We are essentially looking at engineers and other professionals so DRD would be the most relevant department.

The FCO are still finalising allowances. The successful candidates would be entitled to the normal FCO allowances but there will be a package of additional allowances in respect of danger levels. The sending department will have to bear salary costs - this as you know is an ongoing bone of contention at PDG.

Time is against us. No one can go to Iraq (MOD orders) without attending the special assimilation course which the MOD is running in Nottingham on Monday 5 May for one week. There will be another course later in the month - date to be finalised and that is the one that would suit us. I have established direct contact with FCO on this and applications from suitably qualified NICS staff would be very welcome.

I have taken the liberty of copying this to David Gallager as an early warning. Ideally we should be sending something out directly after PSG. I am happy to take the lead here once you and the Secretary are content.

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