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Dear Liz

In December 2010, you asked if the Secretary of State for Health would place in the Library a copy of each assessment by strategic health authorities on the ability of NHS trusts to become foundation trusts, and what estimate he has made of the number of trusts likely to obtain foundation trust status.

Further to my answer of 3 December 2010, *Official Report*, column 1074W, the publication of each Tripartite Formal Agreement was locally led with web links to all the published TFAs being referenced on the Department of Health website. The website address is:
<http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/the-making-of-foundation-trusts/>

Tripartite Formal Agreements for all NHS Trusts were signed by 30 September 2011 and are all now published. Clear timelines and actions are now agreed for each individual organisation in its journey to achieve foundation status. The agreements identify the scale of challenge and provide unprecedented clarity on what needs to be done to complete the FT pipeline. The work was formally acknowledged as positive in a National Audit Office report, *Achievement of Foundation Trust Status*, by NHS Hospital Trusts, published on 13 October 2011.



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