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INTERDEPARTMENTAL LIAISON GROUP ON RISK ASSESSMENT

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

A Paper by the Secretariat

Summary

1. This paper updates members on current developments.

Items from OST

CSA's Report on Implementation of Guidelines 2000

2. OST hopes to publish the CSA's report on implementation of Guidelines 2000 in early November.

The Code of Practice for Scientific Advisory Committees

3. OST will also be publishing The Code of Practice for Scientific Advisory Committees before the end of the year. A list of all those committees which are expected to follow the Code will also be published.

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Outputs from the Risk Communication Sub Group (RCSG)

Implications of the Response to Phillips

4. At the last RCSG in September, members were interested in the overall implications of the Government's response to the Phillips inquiry for their departments, in terms of risk communication. It was agreed that the Secretariat to the RCSG would produce a short paper for members, setting out the commitments and obligations relating to risk communication in the Government's response to Phillips. This will act as an aid to the planning of work in the various departments.

Risk communication training and research register

5. Currently, there is no central information point that sets out what Departments are doing on risk communication training and risk communication research. The RCSG agreed that members would benefit from such a register, which incorporated risk communication training and research initiatives being undertaken by departments. Members will be sending in details of their departmental programmes, which will help to compile the register.

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