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## HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION

### COMMUNICATIONS: MESSAGES FOR COMMISSIONERS

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#### Issue

1. At the two day strategic meeting on 24/25 June, the Commission's discussion on communications focussed on:

- (a) How the Commission saw its role in communicating the message of better health and safety;
- (b) What that message might comprise; and
- (c) Who should be the target groups.

The Commission requested some further work to develop their thinking along these lines. As a first step, the attached note (**annex A**) has been prepared in collaboration with Radical. It addresses the first and second of the above issues, and is intended to prompt discussion on how to approach the third.

2. Attached at **annex B** is a paper prepared by HSE for the new DWP Minister setting out the "storyline" on health and safety and the HSc/E's role in raising standards. This gives Commissioners a fuller brief on which to draw in communicating what has been achieved in this area, and what remains to be done.
3. The Commission will have a fuller opportunity to consider their role as health and safety communicators at the strategic meeting planned for 23 September 2003. It would be helpful to know what further work might be done before then to assist that discussion.