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KEY ISSUES TO COME OUT OF THE PUBLIC FORUM

- An acceptance of the need to change RIDDOR;
- A clarity of purpose of RIDDOR – is to guide enforcement action and to meet specific legal obligations eg implementation of relevant EU Health & Safety Framework Directive provisions;
- A need for a balance between reporting and penalties from non-compliance;
- The collection of statistical information should be disconnected from other RIDDOR objectives and statistical sources, such as WHASS, used with it for the purposes of health and safety statistics;
- A need to introduce a more goal-setting approach in relation to dangerous occurrences with consideration of the use of permissioning/safety case regimes or voluntary systems such as the current offshore SADIE reporting system to improve the reporting of dangerous occurrences;
- A more explicit link be established with the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSWR) to influence duty holders' behaviour with regard to internal monitoring, recording and investigation of incidents;
- Work in partnership with Other Government Departments (OGDs) such as DWP and DoH to look at voluntary schemes and any current initiatives that affect the collection of information on occupational health;
- Links should be made with other relevant HSE work such as the Enforcement Review and COMAH;
- Extending RIDDOR to include the reporting and recording of “at work” work-related road traffic incidents.