

Chief Executive's Report to the Commission – 12 Feb 2008

Annex 1

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Management

- The HSE Board met on 6 February and discussed progress with the Fine Tuning/segmentation project, the Q3 performance report and the development of the planning proposals for 2008/09. The Board were also updated on monthly Finance and Staffing position progress with the HSE recruitment plan.

Operations

- 28 Fatalities were reported to HSE in January. Brief details are given in Annex 2.

Significant prosecutions in January included:

- Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council were fined £60,000 and ordered to pay costs of £22,675 after pleading guilty to a charge under section 3(1) of HSWA, and a further two charges under the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998. The charges follow an incident in April 2003 at a council respite home which resulted in the death of 23-year-old man.
- East End Foods plc was fined £25,000 with £28,000 costs after an employee was injured when a 50kg sack of basmati rice fell on him
- Severn Trent Water Ltd of Birmingham, was fined £19,750 and ordered to pay £6,730 costs after an incident which left an employee without four fingers and part of his palm.

Myth of the Month

- Dispelling the myth - if a pupil is hurt, the teacher will be sued.

FOI Requests

- There were 516 Freedom of Information requests made to HSE in January.

Consultations

- HSE published the results of the Government's consultation on revised policies to address societal risk around major hazard installations.

Events and Campaigns and publications

- Powys County Council signed up to the HSE campaign to combat the growing number of myths that are undermining Health and Safety legislation.

Parliamentary Business

- There were 26 PQs in January

FATALITIES REPORTED TO HSE DURING JANUARY

These initial notifications are not validated in that investigation has not as yet confirmed that all the deaths were work related

AGE	REGION	INDUSTRY SECTOR	DESCRIPTION
22	Bucks	Construction	Died from carbon monoxide
40	Yorkshire	Textiles	Crushed by swivel box baler
74	Dorchester	Agriculture	Crushed by bull
79	Leeds	Passenger transport	Knocked down by bus
N/A	Merseyside	N/A	Died from carbon monoxide poison
57	Beds	Road Transport	Crushed under the vehicle
79	Northampton	Services	Stumbled and hit head against wall
59	Warwickshire	N/A	Struck down by a car
57	North Lincolnshire	Road Transport	Fell from the back of a flat bed trailer
N/A	N E Lincs	Domestic Gas Safety	Found dead in lounge
34	Stockport	Engineering	Found with fatal head injuries
47 39	Lancs	Refurbishment	Roof collapsed crushing both DPs
N/A	Oxfordshire	Construction	Crushed between the bucket of the MEWP and the roof
34	Warwickshire	Cement manufacture	Fell approx 30ft onto the roadway
25	Slough	Rubber & plastics	Dragged into the machine
52	London	Domestic refurbishment	Found unconscious on the floor with stepladders besides him
49	West Midlands	Manufacturing	Trapped against some steps when the hoist crane hook came off
31	Northants	Construction – Groundwork	Tipper lorry collided with DP
52	Cheshire	Manufacturing	Hit by a fork lift
36	Harborough	Agriculture	Crushed between barrow and the trailer
37	Aberdeenshire	Agriculture	Made contact with metal work which was live
35	Stoke on Trent	Services	Jumped out of the window
44	Hertfordshire	Construction – Groundwork	Died of internal organ trauma
3	Oldham	Domestic Gas Safety	Suspected CO poisoning
56	South Lanarkshire	Construction	Fell approximately 40ft
40	Swansea	Construction	Fell over while dismantling access platform
59	West Midlands	Construction	Fell from ladder