

Chief Executive's Report to the Board – 24 April 2008

Annex 1

Management

- The Senior Management Team met on Wednesday 2nd April and discussed the monthly finance and staffing position: a workforce strategy; a people strategy for HSE; the report of the Hampton Implementation Review; the Commission Residential; and the organisation of the proposed SMT visits to HSE offices.

Operations

- There were 27 fatalities reported to HSE in February and 17 fatalities reported in March. Brief details are given in Annex 2.

Significant prosecutions in February and March included:

- Shell UK Oil Products Ltd was fined £266,681 and ordered to pay costs of £37,131.62 after pleading guilty to failing to take all measures necessary to contain a flammable toxic gas (as required by Regulation 4 of the Control of Major Accidents Hazards Regulations 1999).
- Alfred McAlpine Capital Projects Ltd was fined £250,000 and ordered to pay £5,859 in costs for breaching section 3 (1) of HSWA after the death of a motorcyclist at a road works site in August 2005.
- JCB Earthmovers Ltd was fined £200,000 and ordered to pay costs of £31,366 for breaching section 2(1) of the HSWA following the death of an employee at its manufacturing plant in November 2005.
- Coventry City Council was fined £125,000 and ordered to pay costs of £40,000 after pleading guilty to breaching section 3(1) of the HSWA which resulted in a fatality to an 11 year old girl (who was on her way to school) in April 2006. The girl was killed when struck by a reversing refuse collection vehicle.

Myth of the Month

- Health and safety legislation banned hanging baskets.

FOI Requests

- There were in total 1059 Freedom of Information requests made to HSE in February and March.

Consultations

- There were no consultations exercises undertaken in February and March.

Events, Campaigns and Publications

- HSE launched the 'Shattered lives' campaign to highlight the devastating consequences of slips, trips and falls – including falls from height in the workplace.
- HSE held free events at Corus Llanwern site in Newport offering advice to transport firms on moving goods safely.
- HSE launched "Asbestos the hidden killer" web video.

Parliamentary Business

- There were 45 PQs in total in February and March.

FATALITIES REPORTED TO HSE DURING FEBRUARY

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AGE	REGION	INDUSTRY SECTOR	DESCRIPTION
27	Norwich	Construction	Fell through a roof
55	Dumfriesshire	Agriculture	Crushed by an excavator
49	Wembley	Construction	Fell through a roof
26	Letchworth	Electricity	Attempted theft of live 33,000 volt electricity from top of pole
85	Aberlour	Agriculture	Crushed under the wheel of tractor
79	Shropshire	Gas	Died from carbon monoxide poisoning
70	Davaar Island	Agriculture	Found washed up on the beach
37	Hamilton	Construction	Found dead in a new build block
24	North Lanarkshire	Construction	Trapped between the cage of cherry picker and the steel frame
28	Frome	Quarries	Collapsed to base of hopper
31	Wiltshire	Waste Disposal	Tyre exploded while re inflating wheel
8	Wolverhampton	Services	Noted lifeless in the pool
42	Kilmarnock	Building Maintenance	Fell from a ladder
42	Barnsley	Gas	Died from CO poisoning
-	Dorset	Manufacturing – Food	Trapped in sweet making machine
73	Llandudno	Domestic – refurbishment	Fell in the hallway into a gripper rod
66	Warminster	Services	Died from carbon monoxide poisoning
65	Telford	Services	Fell from a ladder
25	West Lothian	Forestry	Beech tree hit van in strong wind
49	Leicester	MVR	Fell from a step ladder
88	Hampshire	Services	Suffered 20% burns
29	London	Installation of TV aerials	Fell from roof top
57	Northampton	Services	Fell from hospital window
61	Western Isles	Fish farming	Found under 9m water
26	Middlesex	Private accommodation	Died from carbon monoxide
-	London	Security	Died from carbon monoxide
48	West Sussex	Construction	Found at foot of scaffold access ladder

FATALITIES REPORTED TO HSE DURING MARCH

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AGE	REGION	INDUSTRY SECTOR	DESCRIPTION
69	Northampton	Services	Administered with wrong medication
24	Wigan	Waste Management	Crushed by roll off skip
75	Nr Llangefni	Agriculture	Crushed by cow
78	Hants	Services	Fell down from stairs
46	Stafford	Gen engineering	Hydraulic leak fell onto DP
53	Sutton	Steeplejack	Fell 60ft onto a high platform
41	East Tilbury	Road Haulage	Crushed by lorry
48	Warwickshire	Transport	Was hit by lorry
26	Sutton	Motor vehicle repair	Raised tipper fell onto DP
23	Bristol	Construction	Electrocuted while repairing washing machine
28	East Sussex	Agriculture	Chainsaw kicked back during head height pruning
41	Powys	Freight Transport	Trailer reversed over DP
-	Heathrow	Airport	Working under baggage tug and jack failed
35	Llanelli	Engineering	Fell backwards striking head on floor
61	Norwich	Food manufacturing	Conveyor fell onto DP
51	London	Manufacturing	Crushed against trailer when slabs toppled from an A frame
48	Cheshire	Road Transport	Crushed between vehicle and a fence