

Advisory Committee on Toxic Substances Secretary's Report

ACTS/02/2008

Meeting date:	9 July 2008	Open Govt. Status:	Fully Open
Exemptions:	None	Type of Paper	For Information

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES

Secretary's Report (following meeting on 15 November 2007)

Ref	Description	Action by	Progress	Deadline
1.1.2	Chair to look into the issue of replacing Colin Soutar on ACTS.	Chair	Resource constraints have prevented progress on this.	
2.2	<p>ACTION: ACTS Secretariat to disseminate a copy of the LEV presentation to members.</p> <p>ACTION: ACTS to meet in March to discuss their contribution to the launch of LEV materials.</p> <p>ACTION: Mark Piney to provide ACTS with a copy of the next draft of the guidance.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>Secretariat</p> <p>HSE</p>	<p>DVD sent out to members on 3 January 2008. A copy of the presentation was sent to ACTS for distribution with the notes.</p> <p>March ACTS meeting did not take place. However, HSE did obtain comments from ACTS members who are members of the LEV project stakeholder group. Their comments were considered and influenced the new LEV guidance, which has since been published.</p>	

4.6	<p>ACTION: HSE to put an options paper on controlling exposure to dusts to the next meeting.</p> <p>ACTION: HSE to ensure that ACTS and WATCH meetings are not scheduled close together.</p> <p>ACTION: WATCH standing item to be accompanied by a paper.</p>	<p>HSE</p> <p>Secretariat</p> <p>WATCH Secretariat</p>	<p>See note below on paper (ACTS/01/2008).</p> <p>Meetings have been scheduled around availability of members. Dates for 2008 ACTS meetings: 9 July 2008 and 11 November 2008.</p> <p>Dates for 2008 WATCH meetings: 17 June and 23/24 October 2008</p> <p>A discussion paper (ACTS/01/2008) prepared for 9 July ACTS meeting seeking recommendation on further work to be undertaken by WATCH.</p>	
5.2	<p>ACTION: HSE to put a paper on the classification of processes involving silica dust to the next meeting.</p>	<p>HSE</p>	<p>Update paper (ACDS/07/2008) provided for 9 July ACTS meeting.</p>	
6.2	<p>ACTION: HSE to arrange a systematic review of the evidence relating to lead.</p> <p>ACTION: Chair to discuss WATCH consideration of lead with Steve Fairhurst.</p>	<p>HSE</p> <p>Chair</p>	<p>WATCH Secretariat have requested comments from Alistair Hay. An item has been placed on the agenda for June 2008 WATCH meeting.</p>	
8.1	<p>ACTION: Evidence on link between welding and COPD to be put to WATCH.</p>	<p>HSE</p>	<p>WATCH secretariat will provide a short update for 9 July ACTS meeting.</p>	

