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HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CONIAC)

Health and safety performance in the construction industry –

Second Report to Ministers

Summary

**This paper is provided to help CONIAC members in meeting the challenge of
'Revitalising' Construction.**

Issue

1 To consider HSE's draft second report to Ministers on industry progress in implementing the Summit Action Plans.

Timing

2 HSE intends to issue the report around the end of November. We would like any further written comments on the attached draft to be with us by Friday 15 November.

Background

3 At the Construction Safety Summit in February 2001, the industry umbrella bodies publicly committed to Action Plans to help meet the Revitalising targets set by CONIAC. HSE was tasked with reporting progress on these Action Plans to Ministers, HSC and the Strategic Forum. The first report was delivered in February.

4 Paper M2/2002/7, agreed at the CONIAC meeting on 10 July, set out the process and timetable for delivering the second report to Ministers. The paper promised an early draft of the report for members to discuss at the CONIAC meeting on 6 November.

5 The draft second report is attached at Annex 1. It takes a wider view of the industry's health and safety performance than the first report did.

Current Position

6 At the beginning of August, HSE wrote to the industry umbrella bodies for updates on their Action Plans. Although we are still awaiting contributions from 2 of the

umbrella bodies we have completed a first draft of the report. We have not yet, however, drafted a summary. We first wanted to be sure that CONIAC had the opportunity to comment on the draft and were happy with its overall tone.

7 HSE published fatal injury statistics at the end of July (which the report draws on), but the release of the HSE annual statistics bulletin has been delayed from September to a staggered release from mid November through to mid December. The major injury figures and rates are important for drawing comparisons with last year's statistics, and we cannot deliver the report until these figures are published. We believe they will show that reported major injuries for 2001/02 will be 100-200 lower than 2000/01, and the related text has been drafted on this supposition. If this proves not to be the case, we may have to reconsider the text and tone of the report.

Action

8 Members are asked to:

- i. Consider the draft report at Annex 1 for discussion at the CONIAC meeting on 6 November; and
- ii. If necessary, submit any further written comments to reach the named contact below no later than Friday 15 November.

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