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HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CONIAC)

Responses to Revitalising Health and Safety in Construction

Summary

This paper provides a preliminary report on responses to the Discussion Document. A verbal report on 'design' issues will be made at the meeting.

Issue

1. This paper:
 - Provides preliminary information in advance of a more detailed analysis of the responses which we aim to provide in the middle of March and suggests a way forward in engaging CONIAC in further developments.
 - Notes that CONIAC members agreed that meeting M1/2003 would focus on issues of improving the industry's health and safety performance through good design. An oral report will be made at the meeting about the latest analysis on issues of particular note in this respect.

Background

2. In September 2002 HSE published *Revitalising Health and Safety in Construction*, based on discussions with CONIAC, to stimulate discussion about the best ways to improve health and safety standards in construction.

Current position

3. We have received almost 300 responses, some well past the official deadline. We have entered all of those responses into a database and are now in the process of analyzing them.
4. The latest information from the analysis of responses relevant to improving performance through design will be provided at the meeting.

Next steps in the analysis

5. We aim to complete analysis of the comments and prepare a factual summary for CONIAC members by mid March. We then need to develop a plan of action based on these responses and taking account of comments from members.
6. This action plan can then be discussed at the Steering Group Meeting on 29 April in advance of a paper being submitted to HSC on 10 June.

Argument

7. We need to identify the key issues raised in the responses and develop a clear action plan to address them.

Consultation

8. This paper and the planned summary provide an opportunity for CONIAC members to contribute further as will the Steering Group meeting. There will be further opportunities to contribute to the development of particular actions.

Presentation

9. We have already received enquiries from the construction press regarding the responses to the Discussion Document, so a constructive conclusion is crucial.

Action

10.Members are invited to:

- Take account of the presentation on design issues arising from the DD in subsequent discussions at meeting M1/2003
- Note that members will be sent a copy of the completed analysis in mid March so that they can respond by 11 April on the proposed actions.
- Agree that CONIAC Steering Group M2/2003 should express views on the proposed action plan prior to its submission to HSC.

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