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REVIEW OF THE 2007 COUNTRY AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS (CRA) EXERCISE AND PREPARATION FOR CRA 2008

Summary

1. The purpose of this PES paper is to:

- Provide departments and devolved administrations with the opportunity to give feedback on and discuss any issues that arose during the completion of the 2007 CRA exercise;
- Offer departments and devolved administrations the opportunity to meet or discuss any aspect of the forthcoming 2008 CRA exercise. We envisage the requirements for the 2008 CRA exercise will be largely unchanged from the 2007 exercise

2. Last year's CRA exercise made significant improvements to the quality of National Statistics for [chapters 9 and 10 of Public Expenditure Statistical Analyses \(PESA\) 2007](#), for which we are very grateful of departments and devolved administrations efforts. Departments have also published regional expenditure tables in their departmental report based on their CRA return.

Action

3. Departments and devolved administrations are asked to, **by Friday 6 July at the latest**, discuss and give feedback on the 2007 CRA exercise, or discuss any issues related to the forthcoming 2008 exercise. This can be in the form of a meeting or you can send us comments. Suggestions of specific issues you may want to discuss are set out below.

Suggestions of points for discussion

4. On the 2007 CRA exercise departments and devolved administrations may want to give feedback on:

- The guidance. Were there areas of the guidance that were not clear and understandable? Were you able to follow the allocation methods suggested in the guidance?
- The process for formal heads of professions sign-off or other issues related to the National Statistics status of the CRA.
- Compliance issues.
- Departmental report tables in terms of the process, structure, and results.

5. For the forthcoming CRA 2008 exercise:

- Whether departments and devolved administrations have identified or are aware of any improvements to their methods that they wish to discuss with the Treasury?
- If Treasury could make any other changes that would help, e.g. in the format of the CRA returns, or the layout or detail of the guidance?
- Whether any department or devolved administration wants us to give a brief presentation on the current requirements/methods of the CRA exercise?

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