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### FINAL GUIDANCE FOR THE COUNTRY AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS (CRA) DATA COLLECTION EXERCISE FOR PESA 2007 (AND 2007 DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS)

#### Summary

This PES paper brings together all the guidance for the 2007 CRA exercise. The PES paper also draws department's attention to the timetable for the exercise and the deadline for returning the final completed form.

#### Action/timing

This PES paper is publishing the guidance for the 2007 CRA exercise. We are publishing the guidance ahead of issuing the CRA collection forms to allow Departments time to undertake preparation work. All departments should note that:

- We expect the CRA forms to be issued on **21nd December 2006**.
- The completed CRA forms should be returned to Martin Philips by **9th February 2007**.

#### Related PES papers

[PES\(2005\)19](#) contained the guidance for the 2006 CRA exercise. The guidance has not changed significantly this year and the changes that have been made are outlined in [Annex B](#); [Annex C](#) and [Annex D](#) of this PES paper.

[PES\(2006\)06](#) invited departments to comment on the 2006 CRA exercise and the 2007 CRA exercise

This PES paper gives the final guidance for the 2007 CRA exercise and supersedes the guidance issued in [PES\(2005\)19](#) for the 2006 exercise.

#### Departments covered by this PES paper

Please see [Annex D](#)

#### Contents - final guidance

The final guidance is contained in the following annexes:

- [Annex A](#) contains information on why the CRA data you provide matters.
- [Annex B](#) contains the final guidance on best practice, with recommended methods and approaches.  
**Important revision - we have formalised the role of Statistics Heads of Profession in signing off CRA returns.**
- [Annex C](#) contains the final guidance on the methods that should be used to complete the CRA forms.  
**Important revisions.**
- [Annex D](#) shows which departments are covered in the exercise and to what extent - i.e. what CRA forms they should have to complete. It also contains departmental contacts to help similar departments liaise with each other if needed. **Important - please check we have the right contact details for your department.**
- [Annex E](#) contains details of how spending is classified as identifiable spending or non-identifiable spending. **Important revision - some spending previously classified as non-identifiable is now**

**classified as identifiable.**

- [Annex F](#) lists the two digit codes that departments have been asked to use to summarise their regional allocation methods.
- [Annex G](#) contains details of the spending aggregate 'expenditure on services', which is the spending measure used for the CRA exercise.
- [Annex H](#) contains details of definitions of Government Office Regions (GORs), which are also the NUTS1 definitions of regions that should be used for the CRA exercise.

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