



REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS

Note by the Director

Summary:	No levies were made for 2007 contributions in respect of either the General Fund or the Claims Funds. The contribution situation is summarised.
Action to be taken:	Information to be noted.

1 **Contribution situation**

- 1.1 At its 1st session, held in March 2005, the Assembly decided that contributions to the Supplementary Fund should, in principle, be levied every year and that they should be levied at the same time as contributions were levied to the 1992 Fund and/or to the 1971 Fund.
- 1.2 At the same session the Assembly also introduced a system of deferred invoicing. Under this system the Assembly fixes the total amount to be levied in contributions for a given calendar year, but may decide that only a specific lower amount should be invoiced for payment by 1 March in the following year, the remaining amount, or a part thereof, to be invoiced later in the year, if necessary.
- 1.3 In addition, the Assembly, in accordance with Article 18 of the Supplementary Fund Protocol, decided that the system for capping contributions would apply in respect of decisions to levy contributions until the date on which the reported quantity received in all Member States together exceeded 1 000 million tonnes (at the date of this document that quantity had not been exceeded). The capping system means that if the total contributions for all contributors in any one Member State of the Supplementary Fund in respect of a General Fund levy or a levy to a Claims Fund exceeds 20% of the total amount of that particular levy, then the levies for contributors in that State will be reduced proportionally so that they together equal 20% of the total levy. The total amount deducted for contributors in the capped State will be borne by all other contributors to the Fund in question by way of a capping levy.
- 1.4 At its 2nd session, held in October 2006, the Assembly decided on the first levy of £1.4 million to the General Fund for payment by 1 March 2007. No contributions are outstanding.
- 1.5 At its 3rd session, held in October 2007, the Assembly decided not to levy 2007 contributions to either the General Fund or the Claims Funds.

2 **Action to be taken by the Assembly**

The Assembly is invited to take note of the information contained in this document.
