

Annex

From: <REDACTED>
4 September 2003

cc: <REDACTED>



email:

<REDACTED>

Recommendation

6. That you:

note the briefing material at Annex A, <REDACTED>

ANNEX 'A'

<REDACTED>

Terms of Reference

The terms of reference of the ACMD are provided for by Section 1 of the MDA 1971 and are set out in full at Appendix 1.

<REDACTED>

The Council currently meets twice a year. It has no staff or budget of its own, but administrative support is provided by the Secretariat comprising of staff from the Drugs Legislation and Enforcement Unit (DLEU) (1 Grade 7, 2 HEOs and 1 EO). The Secretariat forms the conduit between the ACMD and Ministers.

<REDACTED>

Membership currently stands at 35, including the Chair. The members' current

appointments will expire at the end of 2004. A full list of members is set out in APPENDIX 2. All members are unpaid, although expenses are reimbursed.

The scope of the ACMD work runs across Government and officials from Department of Health, DfES and the devolved administrations are represented at Council meetings and those of the sub-committees.

Working Groups and Committees

Much of the ACMD's work is taken forward by working groups and committees, which are appointed by the Council to report on any matter referred to them. The committees comprise members of the Council and co-opted participants.

<REDACTED>Prevention Working Group

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>Hidden Harm

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED> the Technical Committee,

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>Shipman Committee

<REDACTED>

The ACMD has recently agreed to form a sub-committee under the Technical Committee to consider whether Ketamine should be made a control drug.

<REDACTED>

Future Projects

- Foresight

Foresight projects are sponsored by Office of Science and Technology under the DTI that look far beyond the usual timescale of Government projects (20-50 years). The ACMD's proposal - Drugs and Brain Science – has recently been announced as a new Foresight project and will start later this year.
<REDACTED>

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(b) Membership and support

- <REDACTED>The filling of any vacancies arising would need to be considered alongside the need to fill existing vacancies caused by the recent deaths of two members.

The post of ACMD Secretary (Grade 7) is currently vacant following the move, on promotion, of the previous occupant in late July<REDACTED>
We are actively seeking a replacement, but <REDACTED> is filling the post meanwhile on temporary promotion within the Secretariat.

<REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED>

28 January 2005

Home Secretary

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE MISUSE OF DRUGS (ACMD) –
BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Issue

1. This submission is for information only. It provides details of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) which is a Non-Departmental Public Body sponsored by the Home Office.

Timing

2. Routine.

Recommendation

3. That you note the position.

Consideration

Background

<REDACTED>

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5. <REDACTED>It has no staff or budget of its own, but administrative support and funding is provided by the Secretariat comprising of staff from the Drugs Legislation and Enforcement Unit (DLEU) (1 Grade 7, 1 HEO, 1 EO and ½ AO). The Secretariat forms the conduit between the ACMD and Ministers.

<REDACTED>

6. Membership currently stands at 36, including the Chair. The ACMD has recently undergone a membership appointments process and the current term of office for members began on 1 January 2005. It will expire on 31 December 2007. A full list of members is set out in APPENDIX 2. All members are unpaid, although expenses are reimbursed.
7. The scope of the ACMD work runs across Government and officials from Department of Health, DfES and the devolved administrations are represented at Council meetings and those of the sub-committees. Representatives from other agencies are invited to meetings where appropriate.

<REDACTED>

8. The current working groups and subcommittees are:

- Prevention Working Group: Pathways to Hazardous Substance Abuse

<REDACTED>

- Hidden Harm Working Group

<REDACTED>

- Technical Committee

<REDACTED>

- Ketamine and Methylamphetamine Working Groups

9. As off-shoots to the Technical committee, The ACMD have recently established Ketamine and Methylamphetamine Working Groups.

10. The Technical committee established a Methylamphetamine working group which met three times during the summer of 2004, <REDACTED>

- Shipman Committee

<REDACTED>

Other issues

- Foresight

Foresight projects are sponsored by Office of Science and Technology under the DTI that look far beyond the usual timescale of Government projects (20-50 years). <REDACTED> The ACMD have also been invited to assess the standard of the state-of-science reviews commissioned by the Foresight team.

<REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED>

13 May 2005

<REDACTED>

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Background

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Working Groups and Committees

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- Prevention Working Group: Pathways to Hazardous Substance Abuse

<REDACTED>

- Hidden Harm Working Group

<REDACTED>

19. The ACMD have established the Hidden Harm Working Group to keep a watching brief on the progress of implementing those recommendations.

□ Technical Committee

<REDACTED>

□ Ketamine and Methylamphetamine Working Groups

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24. <REDACTED>

25. <REDACTED>The Technical committee established a Methylamphetamine working group which met three times during the summer of 2004, <REDACTED>

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ACMD Membership

<REDACTED>

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<REDACTED>

- Hidden Harm Working Group

<REDACTED>

- Technical Committee

<REDACTED>

- Ketamine, Methylamphetamine and Khat Working Groups

20. As off-shoots to the Technical committee, The ACMD have in recent years established Ketamine, Methylamphetamine and Khat Working Groups. These groups considered the risks and harms posed by the drugs and made recommendations, including on classification.

- Other areas of work/interest

21. In addition to the work outlined above, the Council have also recently (or are currently) undertaking work on cannabis, drug facilitated sexual assault and GBL.

<REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED>
12th March 2009

cc: <REDACTED>

email:

Home Secretary

Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD)

<REDACTED>

Summary

Membership

4. The ACMD currently has 30 members excluding its Chair;

<REDACTED>

8. Members to ACMD are appointed on the basis of their individual expertise. Members are not appointed as representatives of any organisation they may be linked to or work for. Members undergo an appraisal process undertaken by the Chair of the Council.

<REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED>

cc <REDACTED>

3 June 2010

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>

Annex G

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It also carries out in-depth inquiries into aspects of drug use that are causing particular concern in the UK, with the aim of producing considered reports that will be helpful to policy makers and practitioners.

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How and when the ACMD meets and works

<REDACTED>

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cc <REDACTED>

17 June 2010

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