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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman & Members of MAP
Dr. H.C. Lewinsohn

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FROM: Director-General

6 July 1981

CRITERIA FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF ASBESTOSIS AND CONSIDERATIONS IN THE ATTRIBUTION OF LUNG CANCER AND MESOTHELIOMA TO ASBESTOS EXPOSURE

Please find attached the latest draft of the paper "Criteria for the Diagnosis of Asbestosis and Considerations in the Attribution of Lung Cancer and Mesothelioma to Asbestos Exposure".

The draft incorporates amendments to:-

(a) Paragraphs 1.4.3 and 1.4.7 on pleural changes (asked for by Professor Fournier and Dr. Raffaelli).

(b) Paragraph 2.4 on mesothelioma (asked for by Dr. Tucker).

Since the MAP cannot meet till December next, an "ad hoc" committee was formed, at my suggestion, to draft the required alterations to the text. This committee consisted of the Convenor to the MAP (Dr. Robert Murray), Dr. Kevin Browne, Dr. Walter Smither and myself.

We hope you agree that the amendments have not caused the paper to diverge significantly from the version produced as your concensus view at the last (6th) MAP meeting (31 March/1 April 1981).

The "ad hoc" committee also came to the conclusion that it would be a very difficult task to "reference" the paper, since it is an agreed synthesis of all your views embracing many aspects of the problem. As a result a large number of references would need to be quoted and even these might be difficult to identify in such a paper.

Dr. Murray feels that he will be able to arrange publication as the paper stands (without references) so we propose to go ahead with this and will include your name with the other MAP members together with that of Dr. Hilton Lewinsohn.

I am also circulating the paper to members of the ScAP as a courtesy and to ascertain reactions and views. In this connection I attach letters from Professor Hans Weill and Dr. Hilton Lewinsohn concerning the penultimate draft (dated 1st April) circulated to you all.

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cc Dr. K. Browne
Dr. R. Murray
Dr. W. Smither