

PET(4) MEM 08

Petitions Committee

Consultation on petition P-04-410 Permanent Memorial to **Wales's Workers**

Response from the Health and Safety Executive

I refer to the letter sent from William Powell in relation to the proposal that a permanent memorial to workers in Wales be provided by the Welsh Government.

The Health and Safety Executive have no objection to such a memorial being provided by Welsh Government indeed we have a similar permanent memorial in our Headquarters in Bootle. HSE support the annual Workers' Memorial Day held on 28th April each year across the UK. HSE commissioned the creation of the permanent memorial in recognition of Workers' Memorial Day which was designated as the official Workers' Memorial Day' following a consultation led by DWP to formally designate the day as a day of remembrance in the national calendar.

HSE regulate health and safety at work across the UK - I note that the statistics for fatalities within Wales provided by the Bevan Foundation looked slightly at odds with HSE's figures for 2011-12. Should you wish to look at fatal accidents statistics including comparisons to previous years they are available online at www.hse.gov.uk/statistics.

I hope this is of use.

Regards
Jane