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To: Directors of Public Protection

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## **LOCAL AUTHORITY ENFORCEMENT MONITORING SYSTEM, LAEMS**

Dear Director,

I am writing to give the Agency's thanks to all colleagues, in all local authorities, for all their help and hard work in making the new monitoring system, LAEMS, work for the 2008/09 returns.

As you may know, the 2008/09 version of the annual paper to the FSA Board on the monitoring returns was put before the 10 March meeting of the Board, and was very well received. Board members and senior officers gave their recognition, and appreciation, for all of the hard work carried out by local authority colleagues, both in delivering food law enforcement itself, and in making LAEMS work.

The Board paper, FSA 10/03/09, is available on the Agency website if you wish to read the national details. Details of key figures for individual authorities for 2008/09 are also now available on the website, at

<http://www.food.gov.uk/enforcement/auditandmonitoring/mondatabyyear/ocd200809/>

You may find the information helpful in service planning at the local level. You may be aware of the initiative from LACORS which has produced a template for officers to use in presenting data to their elected members and senior managers.

You can, if you wish, also watch the full discussion of the paper by the Board via the podcast which is also available on the Agency website. Our item runs for about 15 minutes.

The Agency is now turning to the future, and we are aiming to hold a further meeting of the LAEMS Joint Working group in mid-April. Among the issues that could be discussed will be:



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- The way forward in assessing the 2008/09 data;
- Potential enhancements and improvements to LAEMS; and
- How to work with those LAs which, for 2008/09, made manual returns, or did not manage to make a full return, to help them to achieve the full benefits of LAEMS for 2009/10.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. D. Barrett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end of the name.

Head of Imported Food Team

