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**RAE 2008: UNITS OF ASSESSMENT AND RECRUITMENT OF PANEL MEMBERS
(CIRCULAR RAE 03/2004)**

I enclose copies of a Circular, published jointly by the four UK higher education funding bodies, setting out decisions in relation to the configuration of Units of Assessment (UoAs) for the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE2008), and the grouping of sub-panels under main panels. These decisions have been reached following consideration of responses to the funding councils' consultation on panel configuration, which was published in March 2004, with a closing date of mid May (Circular RAE 02/2004).

The Circular also describes in more detail arrangements for the operation of the two tier panel structure, and sets out procedures for recruiting members of the main panels and sub-panels. These include an invitation to subject associations, learned societies and similar bodies to nominate panel members.

The Circular can also be accessed on the publications section of the RAE website – <http://www.rae.ac.uk/pubs>.

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