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**WATER SERVICES INVESTMENT PROGRAMME**  
**Risk Assessments in Relation to Contract Disputes/Terminations**

Circular L4/08 (Revised 6<sup>th</sup> June 2008) set out requirements with regard to the carrying out of formal risk assessments where either a contractual dispute arises or termination of a contract is being considered in relation to scheme in the Water Services Investment Programme.

As referred to in that Circular, guidance on dispute resolution, together with a Risk Assessment Template, have now been developed and are attached. A worked example of the risk assessment methodology is also included. The guidance and template have been developed primarily in respect of the new Public Works Contract, but are equally applicable to the management of disputes on consultancy services contracts, on Design/Build/Operate contracts or on traditional contracts where the IEI or MF/1 Conditions of Contracts have been used.

Electronic copies of the dispute resolution guidance and risk assessment template will be available shortly on the Water Services National Training Group website, [www.wsntg.ie](http://www.wsntg.ie).

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