WHEELHOUSE CHECKLIST 2

Financial questions for all boards

To assess your board's financial status answer the following questions. If you answer any of the questions with "no", "sometimes" or "don't know" make it a priority to find out the relevant information as soon as possible.

	Yes Sometimes No			Don't know	N/A
Has the board adopted a written policy stating the responsibilities and authorities it has delegated?					
Does the board periodically review the activity of the individual(s) who have been assigned financial duties to ensure they have not exceeded the scope of their authority?	\bigcirc				\bigcirc
Does the board review the financial statements of the organisation on a regular basis?					
Does the board get proper financial statements frequently enough to present an accurate picture of the financial health of the organisation?	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Are your annual reports filed in a timely manner?					
Has the board given all agency banks resolutions authorising bank accounts and designated cheque signers?					\bigcirc
Does the board determine that organising activities remain consistent with those indicated in its operating budget?					
Is your current budget consistent with your organisations goals and plans?					
Do you review on a monthly or quarterly basis actual income and expenditure compared with your current budget?					
Does the board approve the operating budget and the capital expenditure of the organisation?	\bigcirc		\bigcirc		\bigcirc
Must the board give its approval before the budget can be exceeded?					
Does your organisation prepare a cash flow budget to predict cash flow problems? Do you know how deficit periods are dealt with?	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Have your organisation's books been set up by a competent bookkeeper or accountant?					
Are funds donated for special purposes kept separate from general funds?	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Does your organisation use numbered cheques with its name and address printed on each cheque? Do you know who has custody and control of unused cheques?	0				0
Are voided cheques preserved and filed after appropriate mutilation?					
Has the board authorised the amount of the petty cash fund and adopted a policy as to the nature of the expenditures which should be paid from this fund?					
Is adequate supporting documentation required for all petty cash disbursements?					
Are there adequate systems in place to protect against fraudulent behaviour?					

