

## Northern Ireland Better Regulation Strategy

### Implementation Action Plan: update on actions proposed from the 2006-07 review

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<b>Better Regulation Annual Report</b>	DETI will be responsible for the co-ordination and publication of the report with all Departments providing input.	Departments will be asked to provide examples of good practice in Better Regulation, actions being taken and outcomes, details of all completed and partial RIAs and details of what is planned for the next 12 months.	Three reports have been produced for each year 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09. These are available on the better regulation website – <a href="http://www.detini.gov.uk/betterregulation">www.detini.gov.uk/betterregulation</a>
<b>Better Regulation Objective in Corporate Plans</b>	All Departments	Departments are required to include an objective relating to Better Regulation in their Corporate Plan/Operating Plan.	Departments asked to confirm each year.
<b>Training</b>	DETI	Departments to consider if there is a need among staff involved in legislation and policy work for training on the RIA process and to contact DETI with details.	'Completion of RIA' has been designed and piloted and there is now a generic training needs course available through HRConnect.
<b>Use of Websites</b>	All Departments	All Departments are required to fully utilise their websites to promote all aspects of Better Regulation and ensure that all final RIAs are posted to the web.  DETI to establish a central Better Regulation site.	All Departments continue to use their websites to convey better regulation messages and to publish RIAs.  DETI has made some additional enhancements to its Better Regulation web presence: <a href="http://www.detini.gov.uk/betterregulation">www.detini.gov.uk/betterregulation</a>
<b>Involvement with Stakeholders</b>	DETI	DETI will engage with representatives of the main NI business organisations on a regular basis.	Three meetings of a new Better Regulation Stakeholders Forum have taken place since 2008 and this will continue as a bi-annual forum for bringing together policy makers and legislators,

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		DETI will investigate the use of the website to encourage stakeholder involvement	enforcement bodies and business representative bodies, to share knowledge, report progress and listen to concerns from stakeholders.
<b>Review of Existing Legislation</b>	All Departments	All Departments to review existing legislation to identify opportunities for repeal, consolidation or rationalisation.	Review completed – See Annex C of 2007-08 Annual Report
<b>Review of Forms Currently Issued to Business</b>	All Departments	Departments to review all forms currently in use and take appropriate action to remove, consolidate or amend as appropriate.	Review completed – See Annex B of 2007-08 Annual Report
<b>Review of RIA Requirements</b>	DETI	DETI to review RIA guidance	Initial review completed
<b>Review of Enforcement Arrangements</b>	DETI	DETI to monitor developments in Whitehall in relation to the regulatory sanction reforms proposed by Macrory and ensure that NI Departments consider appropriate action here	DETI continues to liaise with the Department for Business Innovation and Skills and will use the Better Regulation Stakeholders Forum (BRSF) to consider NI implications of any developments.
<b>To Examine Whitehall Simplification Plans and Consider Need to Replicate in NI</b>	All Departments	Each NI department to examine the simplification plan of its Whitehall equivalent and consider what action is necessary to replicate improvements in Northern Ireland.	Simplification plans examined and action taken from a NI perspective by Departments. Progress has been reported on in each Annual Report.