

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills Structural Reform Plan Monthly Implementation Update	May 2012
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(1) Actions due to be completed by end May 2012

Section	Action	Status
3.1(ii)	Seek State Aid clearance from the European Commission for the Government taking on the bulk of the (Royal Mail's) pension deficit	Complete
5.1(iii)	Introduce legislation so that higher education institutions, the Higher Education Funding Council for England and the Student Loans Company can implement new arrangements	Complete
5.8(i)	Initiate and complete the competitive commissioning process for the new Cohort Resources Facility which will make the most of data collected from new and existing UK birth cohort studies	Complete

(2) Actions due to be started by end May 2012

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2.2(vi)	Run a third bidding round for the Regional Growth Fund if required, subject to review in Sept 2012 (due to complete Apr 2013)	Work ongoing
4.2(i)	Provide funding and a training offer to support the creation of an additional 75,000 adult apprenticeship places by 2014/15 relative to the level of spending inherited from the previous Government (due to complete Mar 2015)	Work ongoing
4.2(iv)	Fund an additional 40,000 adult Apprenticeship places focused on the young unemployed and an additional 10,000 advanced and higher Apprenticeship places (due to complete Mar 2015)	Work ongoing
4.11(iii)	Review the effectiveness of initiatives and the overall scope of the programme (due to complete Jul 2012)	Work ongoing
5.1(iv)	Implement the new National Scholarship Programme to provide awards to students entering higher education in the academic year 2012/13 (due to complete Oct 2012)	Work ongoing
5.3(ii)	Ensure information is available for each university on key issues for students, including student satisfaction and post-educational outcomes for graduates from different courses and universities (due to complete Jul 2012)	Work ongoing
5.4(iii)	Prepare and run a pilot of the Research Excellence Framework (REF) submissions system (due to complete Dec 2012)	Work ongoing
6.6(ii)	Launch and roll out the Business Coaching for Growth programme across England (due to complete June 2012)	Work ongoing
7.1(ii)	Publish a review of progress against the Trade White paper implementation plan (due to complete Dec 2012)	Work ongoing
7.3(ii)	Liberalise European markets for business services by working with EU partners to deliver an ambitious outcome for the European Commission's blueprint to improve trade in the EU (called 'Single Market Act') (due to complete Dec 2012)	Work ongoing
7.3(iii)	Make it easier to sell goods and services on line in the EU (due to complete Dec 2012)	Work ongoing

7.5(iv)	Support the defence and security industries through the Defence and Security Organisation of UKTI to maintain and improve the UK's leading position in the global marketplace, working with the Ministry of Defence (due to complete May 2015)	Work ongoing
7.7(viii)	Further pilot the contracting out the delivery of inward investment services, with the use of private sector specialists and entrepreneurs incentivised to attract investment into London's Tech City innovation cluster (due to complete Sep 2012)	Work ongoing
7.8(v)	Develop and launch a high profile manufacturing industry showcase alongside the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic games that will be open to a British and International public and business audience visiting London for the 2012 Games (due to complete Jul 2012)	Work ongoing
8.4(iii)	Work with Cabinet Office and other departments to help lead the review of the stock of over 21,000 statutory instruments and regulations to free businesses and give people greater freedom and personal responsibility (due to complete Dec 2012)	Work ongoing
8.4(iv)	In line with the Red Tape Challenge, bring forward proposals to reduce and reform the stock of statutory instruments and regulations for which the Department has overall responsibility (due to complete Dec 2012)	Work ongoing
8.5(iii)	Monitor Departments' progress in ending gold-plating, including in using copy-out, getting right timing, applying review clauses, aligning EU obligations with domestic policy and using alternatives to regulation (due to complete Dec 2012)	Work ongoing
8.5(vi)	Work with EU institutions to embed smart regulation, contributing to Commission report on overall burden reductions and exemption of micro-businesses regulation (due to complete Dec 2012)	Work ongoing
8.5(vii)	Work with EU partners to set target for reducing the overall burden of EU regulation by the end of 2014 (due to complete Dec 2014)	Work ongoing
8.9(xi)	Publish 6 monthly report on progress in negotiating changes to European legislation to simplify reporting requirements for the smallest companies (due to complete Dec 2012)	Work ongoing
8.11(ii)	Establish a network of IP Attachés in key economies (due to complete Mar 2013)	Work ongoing
8.11(iv)	Prioritise UK efforts in the WIPO with a key focus on Patent Cooperation Treaty reform, delivering improvements in access to copyright materials for the print disabled, and a treaty on designs (due to complete Dec 2015)	Work ongoing
8.11(v)	Influence negotiations such that agreement is reached on EU Patent and Patent Court proposals in line with UK priorities (due to complete Mar 2016)	Work ongoing
8.12	Establish a programme to improve the private sector response to the challenges of cyber security in support of the Government's cyber security agenda (due to complete Mar 2013)	Work ongoing
9.1(iv)	Implement a Consumer Rights Directive and simplify existing consumer legislation in a Consumer Bill of Rights (due to complete Dec 2014)	Work ongoing

(3) Actions changed (reflected in the new BIS Business Plan published on 31 May 2012)

Action changed	Comments
4.3 (iv) Higher Education legislation introduced, including clauses that will allow introduction of Further Education loans	This action has been replaced with a new SRP action (2.2i - Lay regulations to allow introduction of FE loans) in the new 2012 BIS Business Plan published on 31 May 2012, as it is no longer connected to Higher Education Legislation.

<p>8.2 (iv) Introduce legislation in the second session of Parliament to ensure better accountability for regulators, better targeted inspection and to extend the Primary Authority scheme to additional regulatory areas and a wider range of businesses</p>	<p>This action has been removed and replaced with two separate specific SRP actions in the new BIS Business Plan published on 31 May 2012 (5.13 - Complete a review of the Regulators Compliance Code to consider whether the Code requires revision to improve the transparency and accountability of regulators to business; and 5.14 - Extend the Primary Authority Scheme to improve the coherence, accountability and transparency of local regulation) to state that the Primary Authority Scheme will be extended through legislation. The revised actions contain the same deliverables.</p>
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