

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

Section	Action	Status
1.6(iv)	Support the Society of Biology to work to establish an accreditation scheme to raise standards of bioscience degrees	Complete
1.6(v)	Support Department of Health in delivering actions to ensure improved performance in the delivery of clinical trials in the UK and proportionate regulation of health research, including the new health research regulatory agency and securing a proportional interpretation of the EU Clinical Trials Directive	Complete
5.5(iii)	Research Councils UK undertake a process review of implementation of efficiency measures	Complete
5.6(ix)	Work with EPSRC to launch a programme of new Manufacturing Fellowships for exceptional engineers and technology specialists from business to forge links between business and the research base	Complete
5.6(xii)	Develop appropriate actions to remove barriers to geographical clustering which have been identified	Complete
5.7(v)	Develop proposals, including agreeing parliamentary time, for a regulatory environment for space vehicles to promote space tourism	Complete
6.1(ix)	Complete the transfer of c.90 venture capital loans from RDAs to BIS	Complete
7.5(i)	Simplify inward investment activities and connections with UK businesses	Complete
7.7(ii)	Focus diplomatic resources and use Ministerial visits, along with bilateral government-to-government bodies such as Joint Economic and Trade Committees, to campaign for better market access for UK companies across all our priority markets	Complete
7.7(iv)	Deliver an enhanced package of support to help SMEs with an ambition to break into overseas markets	Complete
7.7(v)	Deliver a pipeline of high quality FDI projects and market UK infrastructure and regeneration projects to major institutional investors	Complete
7.7(vi)	Provide UK businesses with local intelligence on high value projects overseas and intensive support to win these deals	Complete
7.7(vii)	Develop a more entrepreneurial culture in UKTI which makes better use of private sector expertise and talent	Complete
7.7(ix)	Work in partnership with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport to develop a marketing plan for the digital industries	Complete
8.2(iii)	Develop any legislative proposals (on reforms to the front line delivery of regulation), including sunset clauses for regulators	Complete
8.6(iii)	Analyse consultation responses and develop detailed plans on shared parental leave and the extension of flexible working to all employees	Complete
8.7(iii)	Frost/Black review of sickness absence underway, publish the Government's response, working with the Department for Work and Pensions	Complete
8.9(i)	Undertake a comprehensive review of corporate governance and economic short-termism, including reviewing the range of factors that can be considered when takeovers are proposed	Complete
8.9(xii)	Report on work by BIS and the Financial Reporting Council with the professions, businesses and users of financial information to reinforce the principle that independent regulation and enforcement should focus on risk and outcome rather than processes	Complete

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

Section	Action	Status
1.6(iii)	Work with the Technology Strategy Board to establish the 'Delivering Assisted Living Lifestyles at Scale' programme to show how assisted living technologies and services can be used to promote well-being and provide top quality health and care, enabling people to live independently (due to complete Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
1.7(ii)	Work with HM Treasury and with support from Department for Communities and Local Government to review construction standards and codes with industry (due to complete Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
2.1(v)	Work with each new local enterprise partnership to enable them to establish their roles and functions (due to complete Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
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
2.3(iii)	Complete RDA projects (stand-alone ongoing major programmes) or transfer to other bodies (due to complete Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
2.3(iv)	Manage out RDA functions, assets, commitments and liabilities an orderly fashion to transfer to other bodies (due to complete Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
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 (due to complete May 2012)	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
4.2(v)	Develop a support fund to address the specific barriers faced by SMEs in setting up Advanced and Higher Level Apprenticeship schemes (due to complete Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
4.2(vi)	Work through our partners to encourage more retail apprentices (due to complete Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
4.10(i)	Introduce a new remit for the UK Commission with the focus on increasing employer investment in and use of skills in support of jobs for growth (due to complete Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
4.10(iv)	Re-launch Investors in People by the UK Commission as a business development tool (due to complete Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
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 (due to complete May 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

5.6(i)	Create a national network of Technology and Innovation Centres to support growth, increase UK translational capability and position the UK to take advantage of emerging global markets (due to complete Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
5.6(x)	Invest an additional £100m in 2011-12 in science capital development to provide facilities for the commercialisation of research, accommodation for innovative SMEs and new research capabilities (due to complete Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
5.7(vi)	Accelerate the development of the International Space Innovation Centre at the Harwell Science and Innovation Campus (due to complete Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
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 (due to complete May 2012)	Work ongoing
6.3(iv)	British Bankers Association collate and release first annual data on the number of business mentors enrolled in business support (due to complete April 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 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
8.2(vii)	Amend regulations affecting retailers to make them more outcome focused, use a checklist approach to assist SMEs in complying with these regulations and create action plan to take forward after pilot (due to complete Apr 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
8.10(vii)	Run a pilot 'peer to patent' system to support patent examination through community involvement, including working with the US 'peer to patent' project (due to complete Apr 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) Explanation of missed deadlines

The status of missed deadlines from previous reports is:

Deadline missed	Status	Comments
6.4.(iv) Final report published on competition law and the role of sector regulators with competition powers.	Complete	The Government's response to the BIS consultation "A Competition Regime for Growth: A Consultation on Options for Reform" was published on 15 March 2012.