

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills Structural Reform Plan Monthly Implementation Update	July 2011
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1) Actions due to be completed in July 2011

Section	Action	Status
1.4iv	Ensure the UK has the right strategies and frameworks, and relationships internationally, for our companies to take advantage of emerging global markets in which the UK has world leading expertise	Complete
1.4v	Report published with Infrastructure UK on a common set of principles for economic regulation including whether further cross-sectoral action is required	Complete
1.6ii	Support Cogent as it develops a plan to improve demand signalling by bringing employers and educators together	Complete
3.2i	Introduce the Postal Services Bill to allow for the legal and operational separation of Post Office Ltd from Royal Mail. The Post Office will not be for sale	Complete
4.2vii	Develop regulations to lay before Parliament supporting our commitment to enable flexible models of delivering advanced and higher level Apprenticeships in the Digital and Creative Industries	Complete
4.10ii	Appoint new Commissioners and a permanent Chief Executive	Complete
4.11i	Ensure that the relevant first round of Growth and Innovation Fund bids are submitted	Complete
5.4ii	Develop guidance for institutions on preparing their submissions for REF	Complete
5.4vi	Reform quality-related research funding to further focus on research excellence, taking account of benefits of critical mass and multidisciplinary capacity	Complete
5.6v	Reform Higher Education Innovation Fund to incentivise and reward universities to increase commercial interaction between the research base and business	Complete
6.1vii	Help the banks set up the business growth fund as soon as possible, developing a credible investment capability and attracting other non-bank investors to support established small businesses with growth potential	Complete
6.1viii	First investment of banks' business growth fund in SMEs seeking capital to grow	Not complete
6.4ii	Consult on competition law and the roles of sector regulations with competition powers	Complete
6.4iii	Analyse consultation responses and develop final review of competition institutions and competition law	Complete
8.9xiv	Improve the guidance on businesslink.gov.uk to support business and social enterprise start-ups – in particular with respect to legal forms and ownership models	Complete
8.10v	Publish a response to the Hargreaves Review that sets out the Government's implementation plans in detail and how implementation will contribute to future growth	Complete
8.13	Report back to the Prime Minister on work with other Government departments to support the development of Every Business Commits by overcoming the four barriers identified at the launch of the campaign: criminal records bureau checks and the vetting and barring scheme; professional indemnity and liability insurance; competition law; and rules around work placements	Complete

9.3iii	Announce proposed package of measures on which voluntary agreement with banks will be sought	Not complete
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2) Actions due to be started by end July 2011

Section	Action	Status
1.1(ii)	Green Investment Bank shadow Board established (due to complete Dec 2011)	Work ongoing
1.1(iv)	Continue market testing for the role of the Green Investment Bank beyond incubation phase (due to complete Dec 2011)	Work ongoing
1.4(vi)	Work with STEMNET to develop a plan to recruit STEM Ambassadors, who promote STEM subjects in schools, focusing on priority growth sectors, including Digital and Creative Industries (due to complete Jul 2011)	Work ongoing
1.5(ii)	Run procurement process to identify preferred supplier of (Manufacturing Advisory) service (MAS) (due to complete Aug 2011)	Work ongoing
1.5(iii)	Prepare for launch of the new MAS (due to complete Nov 2011)	Work ongoing
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
1.6(iv)	Support the Society of Biology to work to establish an accreditation scheme to raise standards of biosciences degrees (due to complete Mar 2012)	Work ongoing
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 (due to complete Mar 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	Work ongoing
1.8(i)	Support DCLG to review the Use Classes Order and associated permitted development rights, giving full consideration to the role the Use Classes system plays in encouraging growth (due to complete Dec 2011)	Work ongoing
1.8(ii)	Provide best practice guidance, through a single portal, to local authorities and businesses on re-invigorating town centres, including information on potential benefits of Business Improvement Districts (due to complete Dec 2011)	Work ongoing
2.1(iv)	Respond to proposals and facilitate the establishment of local enterprise partnerships, including working with those local authorities and businesses who were not immediately ready to establish their local enterprise partnership boards, to enable them to move forward with their local partnership proposals (due to complete Oct 2011)	Work ongoing
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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(v)	Run a second bidding round for the Regional Growth Fund and announce successful bids (due to complete Nov 2011)	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
2.4(i)	With the Department for Communities and Local Government and HM Treasury, work with the LEPs announced in the Plan for Growth as hosting Enterprise Zones, to help them identify the most suitable site for an Enterprise Zone that maximises growth potential in their area (due to complete Sept 2011)	Work ongoing
2.4(ii)	Work with the Department for Communities and Local Government and HM Treasury to run a competition to identify a further ten Enterprise Zones, seeking to make decisions on these Zones in the summer (due to complete Sept 2011)	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(iii)	Gather and analyse data ahead of the first release publishing the number of new Apprenticeship places (due to complete Jan 2012)	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
4.3(iii)	Consult on proposals and develop an implementation plan so that loans are introduced in time for the academic year 2013/14 (due to complete Aug 2011)	Work ongoing
4.5(ii)	Put in place Lifelong Learning Accounts to encourage learners to make informed choices and take up the funding they are entitled to (due to complete Sep 2011)	Work ongoing
4.6(iii)	Remove controls from further education funding, auditing and monitoring (due to complete Nov 2011)	Work ongoing
4.7	Develop proposals for reforming informal adult and community learning and review the effectiveness of basic skills training in delivering economic and social outcomes, to support the development of the Big Society and progression of formal learning (due to complete Sep 2011)	Work ongoing
4.9	Work with the Department for Work and Pensions to ensure that Jobcentre Plus, Work Programme providers, further education colleges and other training providers collaborate so that people on active benefits have access to training to find and keep work, and progress once in work. This collaboration will include work with employers to give benefit claimants access to sector-specific training (alongside work experience and guaranteed interviews brokered by Jobcentre Plus) through sector-based work academies (due to complete Sep 2011)	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(iii)	Introduce new funding mechanisms through an employer investment fund to change the way Sector Skills Councils encourage employers to invest in skills (due to complete Nov 2011)	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
4.12(i)	Publish jointly with the Department for Work and Pensions and the Department for Education a participation strategy for 16-24 year olds (due to complete Nov 2011)	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
5.6(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(ii)	Work with the Technology Strategy Board to run a competition for a Cell Therapy Technology and Innovation Centre to help the UK's healthcare and life sciences industry fulfil its potential (due to complete Oct 2011)	Work Ongoing
5.6(iii)	Develop a strategy for enhancing the innovative capability of the UK economy (due to complete Nov 2011)	Work ongoing
5.6(vii)	Review universities' HEIF strategies and confirm allocations for 2012-15	Work started
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 (due to complete Mar 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
5.6(xi)	Carry out a series of round table discussions with representatives from academia, industry, funders and the NHS to identify any barriers limiting geographical clustering to support entrepreneurship and business growth, building on the UK's world-class research base (due to complete Oct 2011)	Work ongoing
5.6(xii)	Develop appropriate actions to remove barriers to geographical clustering which have been identified (due to complete Mar 2012)	Work ongoing
5.7(ii)	Undertake an impact assessment of the Outer Space Act 1986 to develop reforms which will remove restrictions which put UK operators at a competitive disadvantage (due to complete Oct 2011)	Work ongoing
5.7(iii)	Provide UK industry with clearer guidance on the regulation of security aspects in export deals to create a more predictable environment for licensing space assets and services to overseas customers (due to complete Oct 2011)	Work ongoing
5.7(iv)	Work with Ofcom to support international reform at the World Radio Conference of the	Work

	processes used to gain access to orbit satellite slots to ensure that British industry has full and fair access to them (due to complete Feb 2012)	ongoing
5.7(v)	Develop proposals, including agreeing parliamentary time, for a regulatory environment for space vehicles to promote space tourism (due to complete Mar 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
6.1(ix)	Complete the transfer of c.90 venture capital loans from RDAs to BIS (due to complete Mar 2012)	Work ongoing
6.1(x)	Monitor the banks' implementation of the British Bankers Association (BBA) Business Finance Taskforce commitments (due to complete Jan 2012)	Work ongoing
6.2(i)	Launch an online 'one stop shop' for people looking to start up a new business, co-locating existing online transaction services offered by HMRC and Companies House (due to complete Nov 2011)	Work ongoing
6.2(iv)	Agree implementation plan for a joined-up company registration service ("one click") (due to complete Aug 2011)	Work ongoing
6.3(iii)	Ensure that those looking to start a business can access the information they need online, including about franchising, published in an open and standardised format so that it can be re-used for free by third parties (due to complete Nov 2011)	Work ongoing
6.3(v)	Carry out a scoping review of how online businesslink guidance on regulation can be improved	Work started
6.6(i)	Develop the infrastructure and award service contracts to deliver the Business Coaching for Growth programme, targeting up to 10,000 businesses per year (due to complete Jan 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
7.3(iv)	Work with EU partners to ensure the services directive is properly implemented to radically improve free movement of services (estimated benefits to the UK economy of £6bn per annum) (due to complete Dec 2011)	Work ongoing
7.3(vi)	Make trade in Europe work better through improving transparency, dispute resolution and enforcement for UK companies selling their products in major EU markets (due to complete Dec 2012)	Work ongoing
7.4	Achieve substantive progress on the Doha Development Agenda, working with international partners (due to complete Nov 2011)	Work ongoing
7.5(i)	Simplify inward investment activities and connections with UK businesses (due to complete Mar 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,	Work ongoing

	working with the Ministry of Defence (due to complete May 2015)	
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 (due to complete Mar 2012)	Work ongoing
7.7(iii)	Provide a bespoke service to key inward investors, providing them with speedy resolution of obstacles to investment (due to complete Oct 2011)	Work ongoing
7.7(iv)	Deliver an enhanced package of support to help SMEs with an ambition to break into overseas markets (due to complete Mar 2012)	Work ongoing
7.7(v)	Deliver a pipeline of high quality FDI projects and market UK infrastructure and regeneration projects to major institutional investors (due to complete Mar 2012)	Work ongoing
7.7(vi)	Provide UK businesses with local intelligence on high value projects overseas and intensive support to win these deals (due to complete Mar 2012)	Work ongoing
7.7(vii)	Develop a more entrepreneurial culture in UKTI which makes better use of private sector expertise and talent (due to complete Mar 2012)	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
7.7(ix)	Work in partnership with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport to develop a marketing plan for the digital industries	Work ongoing
7.8(iv)	Commence the Export Enterprise Finance Guarantee and promote its use to SMEs	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
8.1(vii)	Develop and publish a government response to civil society red tape task force recommendations (due to complete Sept 2011)	Work ongoing
8.2(i)	Publish White Paper on reforms to the front line delivery of regulation: introducing reviews and "sunset clauses" for regulators, cutting the administrative burdens of complying with business regulation, including through greater use of co-regulation, earned recognition and professional standards, and extending the Primary Authority Scheme (due to complete Oct 2011)	Work ongoing
8.2(ii)	Consult on White Paper (on reforms to the front line delivery of regulation) (due to complete Aug 2011)	Work ongoing
8.2(iii)	Develop any legislative proposals (on reforms to the front line delivery of regulation), including sunset clauses for regulators (due to complete Mar 2012)	Work ongoing
8.2(v)	Consult on a code of guidance for conducting test purchases for age-restricted sales (due to complete Oct 2011)	Work ongoing
8.2(vii)	End the culture of 'tick-box' regulation, and instead target inspection on high-risk organisations through co-regulation and improving professional standards	Work started
8.2(viii)	Work with the Health and Safety Executive use the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations as a pilot for outcome focused regulation	Work started
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	Work ongoing

	responsibility (due to complete Dec 2012)	
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(v)	Work with GlaxoSmithKline, Kingfisher, Balfour Beatty and Tribeka to identify European best practice in the implementation of EU rules and review where EU laws could be made more growth-friendly (due to complete Dec 2011)	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
8.6(ii)	Consult with business on shared parental leave and extension of flexible working to all employees alongside equal pay measures (due to complete Sep 2011)	Work ongoing
8.7(iii)	Frost / Black review of sickness absence underway, publish the Government's response, working with the Department for Work and Pensions (due to complete Mar 2012)	Work ongoing
8.8(ii)	Develop and refine guidance on the Default Retirement Age for employers and individuals, working with ACAS (due to complete Sep 2011)	Work ongoing
8.8(v)	Complete phasing out of Default Retirement Age (due to complete Oct 2011)	Work ongoing
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 (due to complete Mar 2012)	Work ongoing
8.9(v)	Encourage the European Commission to include proposals to exempt medium sized companies from mandatory audit within the forthcoming Commission White Paper (due to complete Jan 2012)	Work ongoing
8.9(x)	Consult on materially simplified narrative reporting for quoted companies	Work not started
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
8.9(xiv)	Improve the guidance on businesslink.gov.uk to support business and social enterprise start-ups - in particular with respect to legal forms and ownership models (due to complete Jul 2011)	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(i)	Scope and agree details of IP Attaché network in key economies, including China and India, to help UK businesses operating abroad to make the most of their intellectual property (due to complete Dec 2011)	Work ongoing
8.11(iii)	Scope and prioritise policy goals at World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) including policy on Investment and Coordination Mechanism (due to complete Oct 2011)	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
8.14	Work with Cabinet Office and HM Treasury to create a Public Data Corporation (due to complete Dec 2011)	Work ongoing
9.1(ii)	Take forward strategy proposals to enable local people to bargain collectively to improve their purchasing power, improve the transparency of consumer data and ease of access, and enhance customer service in the public and private sectors (due to complete Dec 2011)	Work ongoing
9.1(iii)	Develop proposals to transfer information and advice functions to independent consumer bodies and local authorities (due to complete Sept 2011)	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
9.2(iii)	Develop and implement a pilot of electronic statements (due to complete Dec 2011)	Work ongoing
9.3(iv)	Reach agreement with banks on a voluntary package of measures to end unfair bank and financial transaction charges for consumers (due to complete Dec 2011)	Work ongoing

3) Explanation of missed deadlines

In July 2011, BIS missed the following deadlines:

Deadline missed	Reason
8.9(x) Consult on materially simplified narrative reporting for quoted companies	Ministers have decided to delay publication of the consultation until September to better align it with related work on greenhouse gas emissions and on executive pay. This will offer a clearer structure and timeline for business and other respondents.
9.3(iii) Announce proposed package of measures on which voluntary agreement with banks will be sought	This is an action milestone following on from 9.3ii – please see below for details.

The status of missed deadlines from previous reports is:

Deadline missed	Status	Comments
4.3(ii) Proposals published on the introduction of loans for further education students (due to complete Mar 2011)	Not complete	We can confirm that the decision has been taken to publish the consultation on FE fee loans following the publication of HE White Paper (28 June). Publication expected in August.
5.2 Review options to monetise the Student Loan Book	Not complete	As set out in the HE White Paper the department is continuing to explore options to monetise the student loan book including retaining the loans on the Government's books, selling them outright to financial investors, or selling loans to one or more regulated private-sector companies and expects to set out further detail later in the year.

8.1(viii) Issue guidance to Departments on the operation of the moratorium to new domestic regulation for start-ups and micro-businesses with fewer than ten employees	Complete	The guidance has been issued to Departments.
9.3(i) Undertake a consultation and joint review with HM Treasury of consumer credit and personal insolvency in the UK, including reviewing regulators' powers to define and ban excessive interest rates on credit and store cards, and a seven-day cooling-off period for store cards	Not complete	The Government will summarise the responses we have received to the Review on the consumer credit issues and will set out the next steps on personal insolvency before the summer recess. In light of the responses received to the Call for Evidence, the Government is carefully considering its options on the three coalition commitments included in the Review: unfair bank charges (see 9.3.ii below), regulators' powers to define and ban excessive interest rates on credit and store cards and a seven-day cooling-off period for store cards. It will publish a firm indication of next steps in the autumn.
9.3(ii) Develop measures to end unfair bank and financial transaction charges for consumers	Not complete	Ministers are currently considering options to meet the Coalition commitment to end unfair bank charges in light of the responses received to the call for evidence to the Consumer Credit and Personal Insolvency Review (see 9.3i above). All options remain on the table and a firm indication of next steps will be set out in the autumn.

4) External delays

In July 2011, the following action was delayed for reasons outside of the Department's control:

Deadline missed	Reason
6.1(viii) First investment of banks' business growth fund in SMEs seeking capital to grow	This fund is a private sector enterprise and it has taken time to set up this new organisation (hiring investment professionals and establishing offices across the UK, as well as forging links with intermediaries to introduce potential deals to the fund). There is a strong pipeline for potential investments and due diligence is under way. First investments will be made by the end of the year.