

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

Section	Action	Status
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	Complete
2.1(iii)	Feedback given on outline proposals for local enterprise partnerships	Complete
2.1(iv)	Respond to proposals and facilitate the establishment of LEPs	Complete
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	Complete
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	Complete
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	Complete
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	Complete
7.7(iii)	Provide a bespoke service to key inward investors, providing them with speedy resolution of obstacles to investment	Complete
7.8(iv)	Commence the Export Enterprise Finance Guarantee and promote its use to SMEs	Complete
8.2(i)	Produce proposals 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	Complete
8.2(v)	Consult on a code of guidance for conducting test purchases for age-restricted sales	Complete
8.7(v)	Publish a ministerial statement on proposals for the Government's workplace enforcement activities	Complete
8.8(v)	Complete phasing out of Default Retirement Age	Complete
8.11(iii)	Scope and prioritise policy goals at World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) including policy on Investment and Coordination Mechanism	Complete

(2) Actions due to be started by end Oct 2011

Section	Action	Status
1.1(iv)	Continue market testing for the role of the Green Investment Bank beyond incubation phase (due to complete Dec 2011)	Work ongoing
1.5(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)	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 (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 (due to complete Apr 2012)	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(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
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
4.6(iii)	Remove controls from further education funding, auditing and monitoring (due to complete Nov 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
4.11(ii)	Run a first wave of sector initiatives through the Employer Investment Fund (due to complete Nov 2011)	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(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 (due to complete Nov 2011)	Work ongoing
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(xii)	Develop appropriate actions to remove barriers to geographical clustering which have been identified (due to complete Mar 2012)	Work ongoing
5.7(iv)	Work with Ofcom to support international reform at the World Radio Conference of the 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)	Work 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
6.3(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
6.6(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	Attempt to 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, working with the Ministry of Defence (due to complete May 2015)	Work ongoing
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(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 (due to complete Mar 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
8.1.v.	Carry out review of implementation of sunseting regulations policy (due to complete Nov 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(vi)	Publish code of guidance for conducting test purchases for age-restricted sales (due to complete Nov 2011)	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
8.2(viii)	Work with the Heath and Safety Executive use the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations as a pilot for outcome focused regulation (due to complete Nov 2011)	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(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.iii	Analyse consultation responses and developed detailed plans on shared parental leave and the extension of flexible working to all (due to complete Mar 2012)	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

8.7(v)	Publish a ministerial statement on proposals for the Government's workplace enforcement activities	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 (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(vi)	Consult on bringing small company audit rules in line with the minimum requirements of the relevant EU Directives (due to complete Feb 2012)	Work ongoing
8.9(viii)	Consult on exempting unlisted companies from mandatory audits for subsidiary accounts, subject to conditions contained in 4 th Directive (due to complete Feb 2012)	Work ongoing
8.9(x)	Consult on materially simplified narrative reporting for quoted companies (due to complete Nov 2011)	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(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(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 Jan 2012)	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

The status of missed deadlines from previous reports is:

Deadline missed	Status	Comments
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 (due to complete June 2011)	Complete	The consultation and review have been completed.
9.3(ii) Develop measures to end unfair bank and financial transaction charges for consumers (due to complete June 2011)	Not complete	The linked actions 9.3ii and 9.3ii sit within the review on consumer credit and personal insolvency (see 9.3i above). To enable discussions with industry to be completed, the Government has delayed publishing its response until November.
9.3(iii) Announce proposed package of measures on which voluntary agreement with banks will be sought (due to complete July 2011)	Not complete	Please see linked action 9.3ii above for details.

(4) External delays

The following action had been delayed for reasons outside of the Department's control:

6.1(viii) First investment of banks' business growth fund in SMEs seeking capital to grow (due to complete July 2011)	Complete	This fund is an entirely private sector venture, not subject to any control by BIS. The first investment was announced on 6 October.
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