

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

Section	Action	Status
1.1(i)	Establish the governance arrangements and design the business and operating model of the (Green Investment Bank)	Complete
1.1(iii)	Design of Green Investment Bank complete and published	Complete
1.4(iv)	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 (due Jul 2011)
1.7(i)	In conjunction with HM Treasury and Cabinet Office, publish a pan-government construction strategy and work programme that will cut the costs of construction procurement	Complete
5.6(vi)	Issue final HEIF allocations for 2011-12 and conditional allocations for 2012-15	Complete
7.7(i)	Announce new priority high growth and emerging markets	Complete
7.8(iii)	Work with banks to launch three new ECGD products: a bond support product, an export working capital product and a foreign exchange credit support scheme	Complete
8.1(vi)	Launch a civil society red tape taskforce to identify ways of reducing the bureaucratic burden on social enterprises and small voluntary organisations, working with Cabinet Office and publish recommendations	Complete
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	Not complete
8.1(ix)	Publish progress report on work with other Government Departments and their agencies to implement the Penfold review of development consents	Complete
8.7(iv)	Publish timetable for review of employment legislation	Complete
8.7(vi)	Invite the Low Pay Commission to consider the best way to give business clarity on future levels of the national minimum wage	Not complete

2) Actions due to be started by end May 2011

Section	Action	Status
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
6.2(iv)	Agree implementation plan for a joined-up company registration service ("one click") (due to complete Aug 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
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
9.2(iii)	Develop and implement a pilot of electronic statements (due to complete 2011)	Work ongoing
8.10(vii)	Run a pilot 'peer to patent' system to support patent examination through community	Work

	involvement, including working with the US 'peer to patent' project (due to complete Apr 2012)	ongoing
4.6(iii)	Remove controls from further education funding, auditing and monitoring (due to complete Nov 2011)	Work ongoing
5.4(vi)	Reform quality-related research funding to further focus on research excellence, taking account of benefits of critical mass and multidisciplinary capacity (due to complete Jul 2011)	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
1.1(ii)	Green Investment Bank shadow Board established (due to complete Dec 2011)	Work ongoing
1.4(iv)	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 (due to complete Jul 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
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
2.3(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
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
4.5(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
4.7	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
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(v)	Reform the Higher Education Innovation Fund to incentivise and reward universities to increase commercial interaction between the research base and business (due to complete Jul 2011)	Work ongoing
6.1(vii)	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 (due to complete Jul 2011)	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
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, working with the Ministry of Defence (due to complete May 2015)	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
8.5(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
8.9(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
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
9.3(i)	Undertake a consultation and joint review with HM Treasury of consumer credit and	Work

	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 Jun 2011)	ongoing
1.1(iv)	Continue market testing for the role of the Green Investment Bank beyond incubation phase	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	Work started
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	Work started
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	Work started
7.7(ix)	Work in partnership with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport to develop a marketing plan for the digital industries	Work started
7.8(iv)	Commence the Export Enterprise Finance Guarantee and promote its use to SMEs	Work started
8.1(vii)	Develop and publish a government response to civil society red tape task force recommendations	Work started
8.2(ii)	Consult on White Paper (on reforms to the front line delivery of regulation)	Work started
8.2(iii)	Develop any legislative proposals (on reforms to the front line delivery of regulation), including sunset clauses for regulators	Work ongoing
8.6(ii)	Consult with business on shared parental leave and extension of flexible working to all employees alongside equal pay measures	Work started
8.10(iv)	Consider the Hargreaves Review (of Intellectual Property and Growth) recommendations, including simplifying payments for copyright materials and freeing up orphan works, and formulate government response	Work started

3) Explanation of missed deadlines

In May 2011, BIS missed the following deadlines:

Deadline missed	Reason
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	It became clear late in the process that further legal advice was needed. Despite best efforts, it was not possible to obtain this in time for publication in May. We now expect the guidance to be published before the end of June. The Micro-exemption policy has been in place since 1st April and the guidance does not affect implementation of the policy.
8.7(vi) Invite the Low Pay Commission to consider the best way to give business clarity on future levels of the national minimum wage	The annual remit to the Low Pay Commission includes this action. Ministerial clearance is currently being sought and it will issue in the first half of June.

The status of missed deadlines from previous reports is:

Deadline missed	Status	Comments

5.2 Review options to monetise the Student Loan Book	Revised	The department is undertaking additional work to finalise the feasibility study that is reviewing the options to monetise the Student Loan Book.
Milestone 8(T) Publish results of the intellectual property review and consultation <i>Incorporated into action 8.10(iii) in the revised Business Plan</i>	Complete	The Hargreaves Review of intellectual property and growth was published 18 May 2011.
8.5(ii) Develop government policy to end gold-plating and a stronger role for the Reducing Regulation Committee and new guidance for departments (due to complete Mar 2011)	Complete	Publication of the Transposition Guidance, that outlines the role of the RRC in ending gold plating of EU rules, was published on 20 May 2011.
Milestone 8(I) Publish guidance for all departments on ending 'gold-plating' of EU rules (due to complete Mar 2011) <i>Incorporated into action 8.5(ii) in the new Business Plan</i>		
5.1(ii) Develop a White Paper on the future strategy for higher education to encourage greater choice for students, high quality teaching, a fair deal for part-time students, and wider participation for students from disadvantaged backgrounds (due to complete Mar 2011)	Still not complete	The White Paper will set out major reform of the English higher education system. Reform of this scale warrants careful consideration so we have decided to take more time to develop it. We want to consult comprehensively with stakeholders and to test proposals more thoroughly among higher education institutions, students, employers and other experts; and also to learn from how universities' price setting works this spring.
Milestone 5(B) White Paper published on the future strategy for higher education (due to complete Mar 2011) <i>Incorporated into action 5.1(ii) in the new Business Plan</i>		
Milestone 4(B) Proposals published on the introduction of loans for further education students (due to complete Mar 2011) <i>Action 4.3(ii) in the new Business Plan</i>	Still not complete	Further Education fee loans will operate on the same basis as loans in Higher Education, with repayment on an income-contingent basis. The HE White Paper will set out plans for the operation of these type of loans. Following the publication of the HE White Paper we plan to consult on the implementation of FE loans, including the communications and business change that will be required as loans are introduced by 2013/14.
7.2 Develop a strategy setting out how UKTI will deliver on key trade priorities, stimulate trade sectors, creating inward investment in regional and supporting Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME) (due to complete Feb 2011)	Complete	Published 9 May.
Milestone 5(C) Strategy published on how UKTI will deliver on key trade priorities (Feb 2011) <i>Incorporated into action 7.2 in the new Business Plan</i>		
Milestone 8(K) Proposals published on shared parental leave and flexible working (due to complete Jan 2011) <i>Incorporated into action 8.6(i) in the new Business Plan</i>	Complete	Proposals published 16 May 2011.
8.6(iii) Consult with business on shared parental leave and extension of flexible working to all employees alongside equal pay measures (due to complete Mar 2011)	Revised	The consultation is underway. A revised deadline of September 2011 is reflected in the revised Business Plan.

<i>Action 8.6(ii) in the new Business Plan</i>		
8.6(iv) Analyse consultation responses and develop detailed plans on shared parental leave and the extension of the right to request flexible working to all employees <i>Action 8.6(iii) in the revised Business Plan</i>	Revised	This work is now due to begin in September 2011. A revised deadline of March 2012 is reflected in the revised Business Plan.