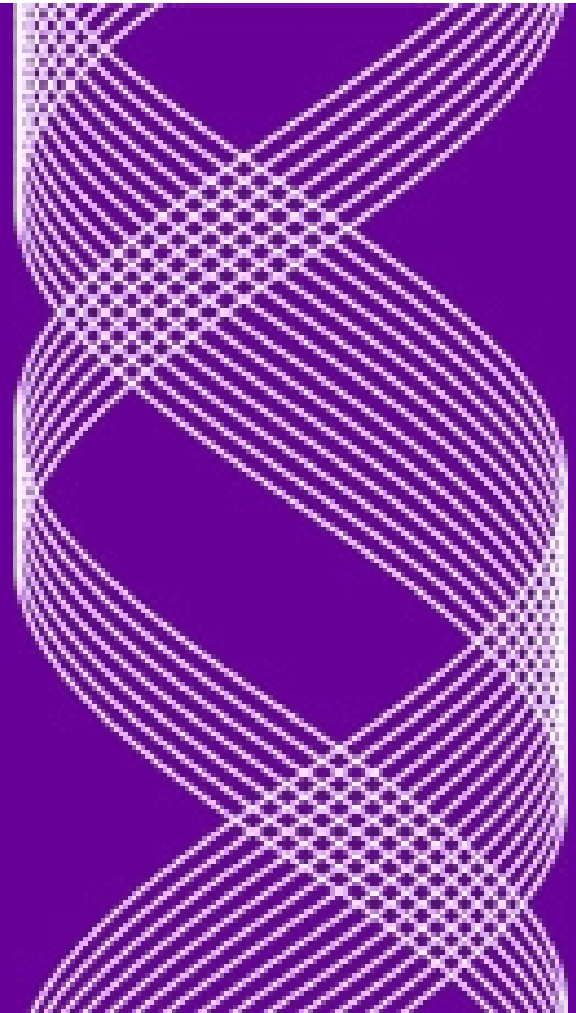




Taking forward the Better Regulation Agenda

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Why is it important?

- Improved productivity and competitiveness
- Better public services
- Greater efficiency in government
- Economic reform in Europe

BRTF/Hampton proposals

- Targets to reduce administrative burdens
- Tougher scrutiny ('1 in/1 out' principle)
- Rationalisation of regulatory landscape
- Risk based approach to enforcement
- Consistency across local authorities

Government commitments

- Year on year reductions in administrative (or ‘red tape’) burdens on business
- Major rationalisation of regulatory landscape in private and public sectors
- Risk based approach to enforcement
- Tougher scrutiny of new measures (‘1 in/1 out’ principle)
- ‘6 Presidency’ initiative in Europe

Institutional changes

- Better Regulation Executive
- Better Regulation Commission
- New Cabinet Committees

Timetable & action plan

By end July '05:

- First departmental simplification plan published
- Consultation on Better Regulation Bill
- 'Hampton' mergers underway
- Local Authority Group established
- Rationalising public service inspection
- Plans for UK Presidency

Legislative changes

- Better Regulation Bill
- Departmental bills
- Deregulation Bill
- All leading to simplification

Administrative Burdens

Recommendation 1 of BRTF Report:

The Task Force recommends that...the Government should –

- Adopt the Standard Cost Model and use it to provide a systematic measurement of the administrative burden in the UK by May 2006;
- By May 2006... set a target for reducing the administrative burden; and
- By July 2005, put in place an organisational structure and necessary resources to facilitate measurement and target achievement.

International experience

- Netherlands
- Denmark
- Standard Cost Model
- 25% targets

UK Admin Burdens Reductions project

- Methodology
- Mapping legislation
- Measurement
- Database

Outcomes

- Baseline
- Reduction plans
- Targets
- Culture change
- International benchmarking

Summary

- Better regulation is more important than ever
- Need to work together

More information ?

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