

BURDENS BAROMETER 2008

The British Chambers of Commerce's Burdens Barometer has been updated from last year and the total cost of the major regulations to business approved since 1998 is now

£65.99bn

The figures in the table are compiled from the Regulatory Impact Assessments (RIAs) produced by government departments and now downloaded into the British Chambers of Commerce's RIA Database.

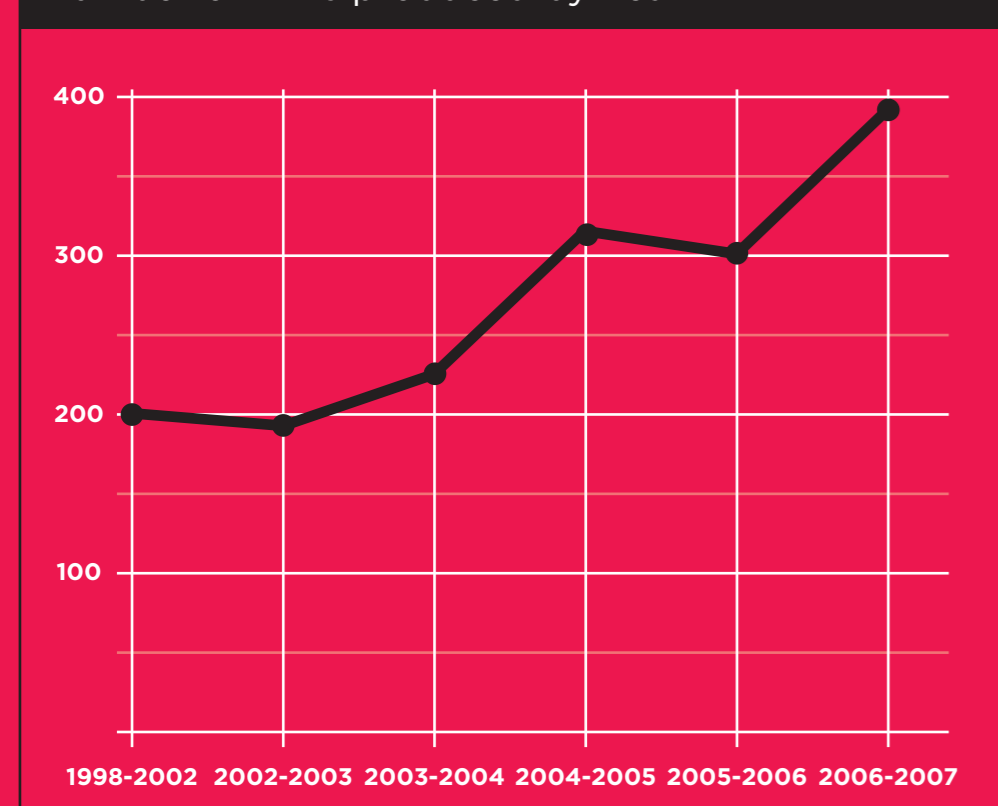
All government departments are required to complete RIAs that evaluate the risks, costs and benefits of any new regulatory proposal that has an impact on business.

The figures show the Government's own estimates of the compliance costs of a series of regulations affecting business up to 1st July 2008. Half of all RIAs claim that new regulations provide benefits to businesses, consumers or the environment.

However, these benefits are quantified in the minority of cases. As a result it is difficult to calculate the total value of the benefits that it is claimed justify the costs.

Burdens Barometer

Number of RIAs produced by Year



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Total additional costs of regulation



We want YOU to tell us about YOUR experiences

Online Regulation Database

The British Chambers of Commerce has launched an online database for businesses to submit examples of burdensome regulations. We will submit these case studies to the Government. The Government is committed to looking at every submission and how the costs can be reduced.

This is a real opportunity for employers to make a difference and reduce the cost and time of complying with burdensome regulations.

Link to the online Regulation Database form

<http://www.britishchambers.org.uk/regulation>

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List of regulations

	Department	RIA Date	Regulation Introduction	One-off cost £m	Recurring cost £m	Total by July 2008 £m	
EU 1	DTI	Nov-98	Dec-98	956	667	7348	1998
EU 2	DEFRA	Nov-98	Dec-98	76	11	181	
EU 3	DTI	Feb-99	Jan-00	2	60	510	1999
EU 4	DTI	Jul-99	Aug-99	0	1795	16005	
EU 5	HO	Jul-99	Aug-99	0	15	135	
UK 6	IR	Oct-99	Apr-00	17	6	67	
UK 7	IR	Dec-99	Apr-00	40	100	865	2000
EU 8	DTI	Dec-99	Jan-00	7	15	134	
UK 9	DfES	Mar-00	Apr-00	64	17	204	
EU 10	DTI	May-00	Jun-00	0	27	218	
UK 11	DWP	May-00	Apr-01	107	78	660	
UK 12	DTI	Jun-00	Jul-00	0	75	600	
EU 13	HO	Jul-00	Aug-00	0	20	158	
EU 14	DfT	Dec-00	Jan-01	0	1225	9187	
EU 15	DEFRA	Dec-00	Jan-01	490	22	655	
UK 16	HO	Jan-01	Jun-01	0	31	220	
EU 17	DEFRA	Mar-01	Dec-00	0	18	89	2001
EU 18	HSE	Mar-01	Apr-01	107	8	164	
EU 19	DEFRA	Jul-01	Aug-01	20	34	255	
UK 20	DWP	Sep-01	Oct-99	203	189	1721	
UK 21	HO	Oct-01	Aug-02	0	54	319	
EU 22	DTI	Oct-01	Nov-01	5	5	95	
UK 23	ODPM	Oct-01	Nov-01	62	32	276	
UK 24	DEFRA	Nov-01	Apr-02	0	162	486	
UK 25	DTI	Dec-01	Jan-02	7	22	151	
UK 26	DfT	Feb-02	Mar-02	760	124	1545	
UK 27	DWP	Feb-02	Apr-02	0	50	312	
UK 28	DfES	Feb-02	Apr-02	74	0	74	
UK 29	HMCE	Mar-02	Apr-02	0	63	393	
UK 30	DTI	Jul-02	Aug-02	115	219	1302	
EU 31	HSE	Nov-02	Dec-02	1359	13	1430	
UK 32	DTI	Nov-02	Apr-03	34	296	1588	
EU 33	HSE	Dec-02	Dec-02	200	15	284	
EU 34	DTI	Dec-02	Apr-03	0	285	1496	
EU 35	HSE	Mar-03	May-03	137	17	222	
EU 36	DEFRA	Jun-03	Jul-03	40	100	540	
EU 37	HMT	Jun-03	Jan-05	60	90	375	
UK 38	HMT	Jun-03	Jan-05	145	120	565	
EU 39	FSA	Oct-03	Sep-04	0	76	291	
UK 40	ODPM	Oct-03	Dec-03	0	167	765	2003
EU 41	DTI	Oct-03	Nov-03	0	101	471	
EU 42	HMT	Oct-03	Mar-04	13	106	472	
UK 43	IR	Nov-03	May-04	165	0	165	
EU 44	DEFRA	Dec-03	Jan-04	0	47	208	
EU 45	DfT	Dec-03	Dec-03	0	117	536	
UK 46	DWP	Feb-04	Apr-04	0	70	298	
EU 47	DfT	Apr-04	May-04	44	35	190	
UK 48	DTI	May-04	Jul-04	38	19	114	
UK 49	DTI	Jun-04	May-05	343	102	681	
UK 50	ODPM	Jul-04	Jul-04	0	44	176	2004
EU 51	DfT	Aug-04	Jul-04	0	134	536	
EU 52	DEFRA	Sep-04	Apr-04	0	97	412	
EU 53	DTI	Oct-04	Oct-04	39	33	163	
UK 54	DfT	Nov-04	Jan-05	18	0	18	
EU 55	DTI	Nov-04	Apr-05	39	33	145	
EU 56	FSA	Nov-04	Nov-05	75	0	75	
UK 57	DWP	Nov-04	Nov-04	49	123	489	
UK 58	DEFRA	Dec-04	Apr-05	0	467	1401	
UK 59	HSE	Dec-04	Jan-05	43	0	43	
UK 60	DWP	Jan-05	Apr-05	0	20	65	2005
EU 61	DTI	Jan-05	Apr-05	0	96	312	
UK 62	DCLG	Jan-05	Apr-05	0	68	221	
UK 63	HO	Feb-05	Feb-05	0	78	267	
EU 64	DTI	Feb-05	Feb-05	0	75	256	
EU 65	DfT	Mar-05	Mar-05	0	423	1410	
EU 66	HSE	Mar-05	Apr-05	0	45	146	
EU 67	HSE	Apr-05	Apr-05	0	230	748	
EU 68	HSE	Jun-05	Apr-06	160	67	311	
EU 69	FSA	Jul-05	Jan-06	36	-17	73	
EU 70	DfT	Jul-05	Jul-05	39	14	81	
EU 71	DEFRA	Sep-05	Oct-05	44	0	44	2006
EU 72	DTI	Sep-05	Jul-06	0	150	300	
UK 73	DTI	Oct-05	Apr-07	21	53	87	
UK 74	DfT	Nov-05	Dec-06	39	107	208	
UK 75	DCLG	Mar-06	Apr-06	10	1203	2717	
UK 76	HMRC	Mar-06	Apr-06	200	-90	-2	
UK 77	DCLG	Jun-05	Oct-06	77	-82	-67	
UK 78	DTI	Jun-06	Oct-06	0	16	29	
UK 79	HO	Aug-06	Jul-07	0	18	18	
EU 80	DfT	Sep-06	Nov-06	0	16	27	
EU 81	DTI	Dec-06	Jan-07	0	152	204	
UK 82	DoH	Mar-07	Jul-07	3	43	46	2007
UK 83	HMRC	Mar-07	Jan-08	9	11	15	

Regulations origin	£	%
UK RIAs	19,101	28.9
EU RIAs	46,892	71.1
Total	65,993	100

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Technical Notes

The total figure excludes the costs to business of the National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 and subsequent amendments to the rate.

Where RIAs have given a range of costs the Barometer has taken the mid-point figure. In those cases where certain provisions come into force later than the regulation itself, the reduction in compliance costs has been ignored.

The costs to business identified in the RIAs above are net of the benefits that accrue to business.

The Barometer is compiled each year from the data in the Regulatory Impact Assessments (RIAs) produced by government departments up to the prior 30th June with the net costs extended to include the year in which the report appears, i.e. 30th June 2008 in this case. We include only those regulations with significant burdens net of benefits to business. The criteria for inclusion have not changed. Thus the barometer is purely a matter of arithmetic, totalling the major business costs created by departments and agencies, and we offer no judgements on government regulatory performance.

The Barometer understates the burden both because the Better Regulation Executive did not publish the Command Paper listing RIAs for the first half of 2007 until the 24th January 2008, 6 weeks later than in previous years, and because departments have been economical with their publication of RIAs. 25% (90) of the 2006/7 RIAs were not revealed by searching Government departments' websites during 2007. Their existence only became apparent when the Command Paper was finally published.

Burden by Region



1. Northern Ireland	1.7bn
2. Scotland	4.2bn
3. North East	1.7bn
4. North West	6.6bn
5. Yorkshire and the Humber	4.3bn
6. East Midlands	4.8bn
7. West Midlands	5.4bn
8. Wales	2.7bn
9. South West	6.3bn
10. South East	11.1bn
11. London	10.3bn
12. East of England	6.9bn

Barometer notes

11 - The Stakeholder Pension Schemes Regulations 2000 and 2005. At 30th June 2006 the May 2000 RIA had cumulative costs of £499m, comprising £100m one-off costs and £76m of recurring costs. A new final RIA was published in Apr 2005, which introduced additional one-off costs of £6.5 million, and ongoing costs, net of £1m of benefits, amounting to £2 million. From Apr 2008, annual benefits rise to £15 million.

19 - The 2001 Regulation was replaced by / incorporated into the TSE (England) Regulations 2002, which were also replaced, and are now embodied in the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (No.2) Regulations Jan 2006. However, DEFRA states in the 2006 RIA that costs should remain the same.

20 - This Regulation came into force in 2 Parts, stage one in October 1999 and stage 2 in October 2004 although the RIA was prepared in 2001. Recurring costs for the first 5 years were £162m p.a. and from October 2004 these became £189m p.a.

22 - The Maternity and Parental Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2001. In the first three years of this RIA costs are £24million and then in the fourth year costs reduce to £5million p.a.

24 - The Electricity and Gas (Energy Efficiency Obligations) Order 2001. This RIA is replaced in Apr-05, when costs cease accumulating (see Barometer item 58 for the replacement RIA).

36 - The 2003 Regulations have been superseded by the 2005 Animal By-Products Regulation 2005. DEFRA states the costs are virtually the same.

39 - This was an interim RIA developed while EC Regulation 1831/2003 was under negotiation. These Regulations have been consolidated in the Feeding Stuffs Regulations 2005. In the final Regulatory Impact Assessment the Food Standards Agency state that the costs should not change.

58 - This regulation expires in March 2008.

69 - The Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2005. One-off costs and recurring costs are fixed at £36 million and £96 million, but benefits vary every year as follows: Year 1 £45 million; year 2 £90 million; year 3 £136 million; year 4 £181 million; years 5 to 10 £262 million. In time the cumulative benefits are estimated to cover the costs.

78 - Electricity safety, quality, continuity 2006. Net costs in year 1 are £16.88m. These decline by approx £0.5m per annum until 2025.

81 - Net costs amount to £104m in 2007, £200m in 2008, £206m in 2009, £260m in 2013, £302m in 2017.

Key to Government departments

DCLG	Department for Communities and Local Government
DEFRA	Department for the Environment Food and Rural Affairs
DfES	Department for Education and Skills
DoH	Department of Health
DfT	Department for Transport
DTI	Department of Trade and Industry
DWP	Department for Work and Pensions
FSA	Food Standards Agency
HMCE	H M Customs and Excise
HMT	H M Treasury
HO	Home Office
HMRC	H M Revenues and Customs
HSE	Health and Safety Executive
IR	Inland Revenue
ODPM	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

The Barometer assigns RIAs to the department under which they were published. This means that some departments which have subsequently been superseded, will remain in the Barometer.

