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WHEN ENGAGING WITH DEPARTMENTS, THE RPC WILL:

- Meet departments in advance of submissions and as early as possible, to discuss any aspect of the proposal or the process.
- Provide departments the opportunity to meet with the secretariat and committee leads to discuss the case at various stages of the process.
- Clearly explain via the BRU network any changes and/or developments to our processes.
- Provide analytical support across Whitehall including supporting the Government Economic Service's IA training.
- Publish opinions undertaken by the RPC to improve the quality of assessment across government
- Seek clarification on IAs to ensure the RPC have fully understood the IA when providing scrutiny.

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**WHEN ENGAGING WITH EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS,
THE RPC WILL:**

- Actively engage with business groups, sectoral associations and representatives of wider civil society to understand the impact of regulations from their perspective.
- Welcome stakeholders' information and intelligence on forthcoming regulatory issues
- Welcome any evidence of the impacts of regulation to assist us in our scrutiny, particularly on published IAs.
- Not comment or offer opinions on policy – such decisions are for the government.