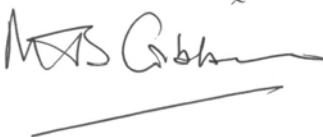
 Regulatory Policy Committee	OPINION	
Impact Assessment (IA)	Consumer Bill of Rights - Enhanced Civil Enforcement Remedies	
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Business, Innovation and Skills	
Stage	Final	
Origin	Domestic	
IA number	BIS0391	
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OIOO Assessment	GREEN	
<p>Overall comments on the robustness of the OIOO assessment.</p> <p>The IA says that the proposal for new remedies for public enforcers of consumer law will affect only non-compliant business. As the proposal probably has no direct impacts on compliant business, it is out of scope of current One-in, Two-out methodology (paragraph 2.9.8 i of the Better Regulation Framework Manual).</p>		
<p>Overall quality of the analysis and evidence presented in the IA</p> <p>The IA suggests that the proposals for improving the remedies for use by public enforcers would have no direct impact on compliant businesses. It is noted, however, that the IA says: <i>“There is a risk that some unmeritorious cases may be taken under the proposed reforms. However, any business which is subsequently found to have been incorrectly accused of non-compliance can apply to the courts for its costs”</i> (paragraph 60). The IA would benefit from explaining further the potential risk of a cost to a compliant business in seeking redress following an incorrect accusation of non-compliance.</p>		
Signed 	Michael Gibbons, Chairman	