Regulatory Policy Committee	OPINION
Impact Assessment (IA)	Introduce a Designs Opinion Service
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
Stage	Final
Origin	Domestic
IA number	BIS0350
Date submitted to RPC	12/02/2013
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OIOO Assessment	GREEN

Overall comments on the robustness of the OIOO assessment.

The IA says that the proposal is a regulatory measure that will be net beneficial for business (an 'IN' with zero net cost). This appears to be a reasonable assessment of the likely impacts of the proposal which is consistent with OIOO methodology.

Overall quality of the analysis and evidence presented in the IA

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The IA explains clearly the proposed benefits to business of establishing a Designs Opinion Service. This introduces a service to provide SMEs with an opportunity to pursue a dispute they may otherwise not have been able to progress due to the costs, time and complexity involved in doing so.

Signed

Michael Gibbons, Chairman