Regulatory Policy Committee	OPINION
Impact Assessment (IA)	Implementation of Professor Loftstedt's recommendation to exempt from health and safety law those self-employed whose work activities pose no potential risk of harm to others
Lead Department/Agency	Health and Safety Executive
Stage	Final
Origin	Domestic
IA number	HSE0071
Date submitted to RPC	07/02/2013
RPC Opinion date and reference	04/03/2013 RPC13-HSE-1418(2)
One-in, One-out (OIOO) Assessment	GREEN

## Overall comments on the robustness of the OIOO assessment.

The IA says that the measure is a deregulatory measure that has a direct net benefit to business (an 'OUT') with an Equivalent Annual Net Cost to Business (EANCB) of -£0.3m. This is consistent with the current One-in, One-out (OIOO) Methodology (paragraph 18) and represents a reasonable assessment of the likely impacts.

## Overall quality of the analysis and evidence presented in the IA

Preferred option. The IA would benefit from clearly setting out why option 2 (exempting individuals other than those who work in certain high risk industries) is the recommended option, given that option 3 (only exempting those who do solely office type work) is assessed as having a higher net present value (NPV) and is described as having "no adverse effects on health and safety". Under the current system the RPC is unable to declare this IA not fit for purpose, but we recommend that the Department amends the IA in the manner described above before it is published.

Signed Michael Gibbons, Chairman