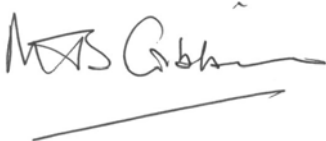
 Regulatory Policy Committee	OPINION	
Impact Assessment (IA)	Proposals to introduce a Statutory Register of Lobbyists	
Lead Department/Agency	Cabinet Office	
Stage	Consultation	
Origin	Domestic	
Date submitted to RPC	27/10/2011	
RPC Opinion date and reference	21/11/2011	RPC11-CO-1136
Overall Assessment	RED	
<p>The IA is not fit for the purpose of consultation. The IA needs to be revised to expand its content, as outlined below, so as to maximise its impact during consultation.</p>		
<p>Identification of costs and benefits, and the impacts on small firms, public and third sector organisations, individuals and community groups and reflection of these in the choice of options</p> <p><i>Market failure addressed by proposal.</i> The IA mentions market failure as the driver for the proposal, but does not explain how significant this is and how the proposal will address the causes of the market failure specifically. The IA needs to do this to allow consultees to see how the proposal could work in practice.</p> <p><i>Options.</i> The IA needs to present options to overcome the current market failure to enable consultees to take a view on what is the best means of action in this area.</p> <p><i>Costs of proposal.</i> It is unclear how relevant the dental health professional example given is to the issue at hand, and the IA needs to provide information on the costs of registration fees for a wider range of bodies than the one given for dental health professionals.</p> <p><i>Benefits from proposal.</i> The IA does not have a separate section in its evidence base on the benefits of the proposal. The IA needs to include this to maximise the value of consultation.</p>		
<p>Have the necessary burden reductions required by One-in, One-out been identified and are they robust?</p> <p>The IA says that the proposal is an IN. While this appears correct in terms of direction, the IA needs to include a separate section on OIOO explaining how the proposal impacts on business.</p>		
Signed 	Michael Gibbons, Chairman	