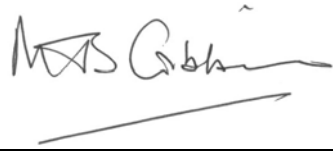
 Regulatory Policy Committee	OPINION	
Impact Assessment (IA)	Alcohol Measures in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill – (EANCB Validation Only)	
Lead Department/Agency	Home Office	
Stage	Final	
Origin	Domestic	
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Overall Assessment	AMBER	
<p>Based on the evidence provided the estimate of the additional costs on business of the alcohol measures introduced by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility (PRSR) Act 2011 appears reasonable. However, these estimates will have to be revised as soon as more reliable evidence is available from the actual implementation of the measures.</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>We note that the original IA for the PRSR Act 2011 received a negative Opinion from us in 2010. The Department has now submitted a paper on the estimated costs to business of the alcohol measures introduced by the PRSR Act 2011 for validation of the Equivalent Annual Net Cost to Business (EANCB) to report in the next Statement of New Regulation, as decided by RRC. We note that the Department is not planning to publish this paper. This Opinion only focuses on the impact on business for One-in, One-out purposes.</p> <p><i>Costs and benefits.</i> The paper provides a reasonable assessment of the likely impacts on business of the alcohol measures introduced by the PRSR Act 2011, as commenced on 25 April 2012. While the assumptions used in the analysis, such as the likely percentage of refusals of new applications and variation applications, are questionable, we realise the uncertainties around them. Based on the evidence presented the estimate of the costs on business appears reasonable. However, these estimates will have to be revised as soon as more reliable evidence is available from the actual implementation of the measures.</p>		
<p>Have the necessary burden reductions required by One-in, One-out been identified and are they robust?</p> <p>The Department claims that the proposal is a regulatory measure (an 'IN') with an EANCB of £17.0m. Based on the evidence presented this appears reasonable estimate of the likely impact on business.</p>		

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Gibbons". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end. There is a small mark above the letter 'i' in "Gibbons".

Michael Gibbons, Chairman