Regulatory Policy Committee	OPINION	
Impact Assessment (IA)	Copyright exception for archiving and preservation	
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Business, Innovation and Skills	
Stage	Final	
Origin	Domestic	
IA Number	BIS 0306	
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Overall Assessment	GREEN	

The IA is fit for purpose. The issues raised in our previous opinion (26/07/2012) have been addressed. While the IA accepts the limitations to the evidence behind the key assumptions, such as the percentage of illegal archiving currently being undertaken, it appears the Department has used all available evidence.

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

The issues raised in our previous opinion (26/07/2012) have been addressed. In particular the IA now more clearly explains the counterfactual that has been used to estimate the benefits. While the IA accepts the limitations to the evidence behind the key assumptions, such as the percentage of illegal archiving currently being undertaken, it appears the Department has used all available evidence to produce a best estimate of the impacts.

Have the necessary burden reductions required by One-in, One-out been identified and are they robust?

The IA says the proposal is de-regulatory measure that has a direct net benefit to business (an 'OUT') with an Equivalent Annual Net Cost to Business (EANCB) of (-) £24.4m. This is consistent with the current One-in, One-out Methodology and provides a reasonable assessment of the net direct impact on business.

Signed Michael Gibbons, Chairman