Regulatory Policy Committee	**OPINION**	
Impact Assessment (IA)	Exception for copying works for use by text and data analytics	
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Business, Innovation and Skills	
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Overall Assessment	**GREEN**	

The IA is fit for purpose. However the IA could benefit from more clearly explaining what products and services the policy change would support. In addition it could explain more clearly how text mining is expected to provide significant productivity increases for researchers.

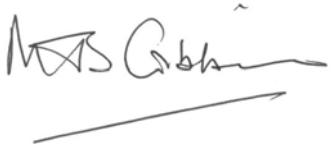
Identification of costs and benefits, and the impacts on small firms, public and third sector organisations, individuals and community groups and reflection of these in the choice of options

Background. The IA makes repeat references to text and data analytics. However it is not immediately clear to the reader exactly what products they are referring to. The IA could better explain what text and data analytics are used for and what kind of additional products and services the policy change would support. This would give a clearer picture of what the benefits of this policy will be.

Productivity benefits. While it has not been possible to monetise robustly the productivity benefits of text mining, the IA does provide a qualitative discussion supported by some indicative figures. These are based on a 2% improvement in productivity. While there is evidence to support a productivity benefit and the figures are only presented as illustrative, the department could better explain how they expect text mining to provide such significant benefits.

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

The IA says the proposal is a de-regulatory measure that has a direct net benefit to business (an 'OUT') that will have a 'zero net cost' to business. Based on the information provided, this appears a reasonable assessment of the net direct impact on business.

Signed  **Michael Gibbons,** Chairman