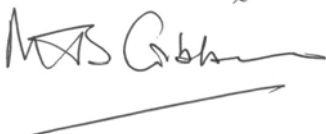
 Regulatory Policy Committee	OPINION	
Impact Assessment (IA)	Implementing the revised EU electronic communications framework	
Lead Department/Agency	Department of Culture, Media & Sport	
Stage	Final	
Origin	European	
Date submitted to RPC	04/03/2011	
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Overall Assessment	GREEN	
<p>The IAs are fit for purpose. Given the complexity of the proposals, the costs and benefits have been adequately set out. Where costs and benefits have not been monetised, a reasonable explanation for why this is the case has been provided.</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>The IAs are significant improvements on the consultation-stage IAs, on which the RPC commented. While some of the costs and benefits have still not been monetised, we are satisfied that the Department has made all reasonable efforts to do so. The IAs present the policy proposals clearly and use appropriate supporting evidence and analysis.</p> <p><i>Framework directive (DCMS106).</i> The IA would benefit from greater discussion of the possibility that genuine complaints could be deterred and more analysis of the likelihood of this happening.</p> <p><i>E-privacy directive (DCMS024).</i> Paragraphs 53-54 appear to imply that compliant business will also be affected by Ofcom's new enforcement powers resulting from this proposal. The IA would benefit from acknowledging this and discussing it in more detail.</p> <p>This opinion relates to ten IAs submitted to the RPC: DCMS015-019 and DCMS021-025. A separate opinion has been provided for DCMS020.</p>		
<p>Have the necessary burden reductions required by One-in, One-out been identified and are they robust?</p> <p>As this proposal is of European origin, with no evidence of going beyond minimum requirements, it is out of scope of One-in, One-out.</p>		
Signed 	Michael Gibbons, Chair	

