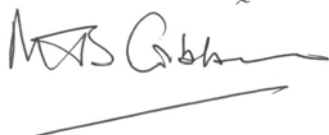
 Regulatory Policy Committee	OPINION	
Impact Assessment (IA)	Private Actions in Competition Law	
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Business, Innovation and Skills	
Stage	Consultation	
Origin	Domestic	
Date submitted to RPC	13/03/2012	
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Overall Assessment	GREEN	
<p>The IA is fit for purpose. The costs and benefits of the proposal have been adequately assessed. However, the IA could benefit from presenting a clearer summary of the costs and benefits of the various options considered in the proposal to help facilitate a more effective 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>Options.</i> The IA considers three alternative options (excluding “do nothing”) to address the policy objective of the proposal. Each option builds on the previous one and the analysis of costs and benefits is undertaken on a “<i>thematic</i>” basis, focusing on four areas (court reforms, alternative dispute resolution, leniency and collective actions). There are various sub-options considered within these sections. Consultees could benefit from a clearer overall summary of the impacts of the preferred options being considered alongside the “<i>thematic</i>” analysis and additional sub-options. In addition, the IA would benefit from explaining how the current proposal fits within the wider institutional reforms of the competition regime.</p>		
<p>Have the necessary burden reductions required by One-in, One-out been identified and are they robust?</p> <p>The IA says the proposal is a regulatory measure (‘an IN’) with a ‘zero net cost’ to business. This appears to be consistent with the current One-in, One-out methodology.</p>		
Signed 	Michael Gibbons, Chairman	