Regulatory Policy Committee	Validation of the Net Direct Impact on Business	
Title of the 'Validation' IA	Enhancing consumer confidence:	
	Generic set of consumer law powers	
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Business, Innovation	
	and Skills	
Expected date of implementation	SNR5	
Origin	Domestic	
Date IA submitted to RPC	20/03/2013	
Date of RPC Validation	02/04/2013	
Date of RTA Confirmation	N/A	
RPC Confirmation reference	RPC12-BIS-1248(3)	
Departmental Assessment		
Overall Direction of Impacts	OUT	
Estimate of the Equivalent	-£5.29m	
Annual Net Cost to Business		
claimed by the Department		
RPC Validation		
Direction of Impact	OUT	
Estimate of the Equivalent	VALIDATED	
Annual Net Cost to Business		
Validated by RPC		

RPC Comments

The IA explains clearly the proposed changes to simplify and consolidate the consumer law investigatory powers. The expected benefits to business are from the notification of inspections, thereby giving business notice of a visit and ensuring availability of the appropriate person to speak to the inspector; and the removal, for bakers of non packed bread, of the need to request an exemption certificate. We note that following discussions with RPC, the Department has revised the evidence relating to automatic exemption from keeping records for bakers. This has resulted in a revision of the EANCB figure from -£5.34m to -£5.29m.

Signed		Michael Gibbons, Chairman
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