

RPC meeting 14 July 2025 - minutes (open session)	
Attendees	
The Committee Chair – Stephen Gibson John Davies Caroline Elliott Hilary Jennings Allan Little Ryan Williams Apologies Caroline Turnbull-Hall Frances Warburton	RPC Secretariat Stuart Sarson – Head of Secretariat Regulation Directorate Chris Carr – Director Regulation David Lunn – Director Regulation (Designate) Adam Baylis-West – Head of Better Regulation

A. Minutes of committee meeting 12th May 2025 and matters arising

1. **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed members and attendees to the meeting, particularly David Lunn as the incoming Director of the Regulation Directorate. The Chair expressed thanks to Chris Carr for his eight years of support to the committee and wished him well in his new role.
2. **Register of interests:** committee members confirmed the accuracy of their entries in the RPC register of interests (available on the RPC website).
3. **Gifts and hospitality register:** committee members confirmed the accuracy of their entries in the gifts and hospitality register (available on the RPC and DBT websites).
4. The **minutes of the 12th of May 2025 meeting were agreed.** The minutes are available on the RPC website.

B. Regulation Directorate Update

5. Adam Baylis-West, Head of Better Regulation, presented the update. Work continues on the administrative burden reduction programme to meet the commitment in the chancellor's Action Plan to reduce the administrative costs of regulation for business by 25% by the end of the Parliament.

Post Implementation Reviews

6. The Chair noted one commitment date had passed and another was approaching. The committee emphasised the importance of sharing of data to allow the RPC to continue to hold departments to account for completion of post-implementation reviews, in line with the current chair's letter.

Framework Document

7. The framework document is awaiting approval from HM Treasury.
8. The meeting was concluded with the Chair thanking Regulation Directorate.

C. Engagement Update

9. A list of engagements in which the Chair and committee members had participated had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The chair highlighted the following:
- Meeting with other heads of government watchdogs (Office for Statistics Regulation, Office for Budgetary Responsibility, NAO, and Office of Environmental Protection) to discuss challenges around challenging government departments and managing related issues.
 - Meeting with the Better Regulation Group of the House of Lords, which included Lord Lindsay and Lady Neville-Rolfe. They are interested in what is happening in government on the regulatory front. A further meeting is planned with them on Wednesday 16th July.
 - Meeting with Re: State Trust, a think tank, formerly Reform Research Trust which conducts research on regulation and regulatory challenges.
 - Meeting with the NAO as input to their study on Regulation for Growth.
 - Meeting with representatives from the Italian Chamber of Deputies who are looking to set up a supervisory committee like the RPC.
 - The Chair recorded a podcast for the Institute for Government, to be released in 3-4 weeks.

D. Any Other Business

10. The August Interim Committee meeting would be cancelled. The next full committee meeting was confirmed for 15th September at Caxton House.