

The Plan for Growth: Implementation update (as of 29 November 2011)

	Category	Measure	Progress	Notes
1	Planning	The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government will make a Written Ministerial Statement, setting clear expectations that local planning authorities and other bodies involved in granting development consents should prioritise growth and jobs.	Complete	A Written Ministerial Statement on 24 March 2011 set out the need for local planning authorities and other consenting bodies to prioritise growth and jobs when reaching decisions on granting development consents.
2	Planning	The Government will introduce a powerful new presumption in favour of sustainable development, so that the default answer to development is 'yes'.	Progress made	The draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) , published for consultation in July 2011, set out the new presumption in favour of sustainable development.
3	Planning	The Government wants more development in suitable and viable locations and will produce a shorter, more focused and inherently pro-growth National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) to deliver this.	Progress made	The draft NPPF streamlines national planning policy from over 1,000 pages to 52. Consultation on the NPPF closed on 17 October 2011. The Government will consider all responses and publish the final framework by April 2012.
4	Planning	The Government will enable businesses to bring forward neighbourhood plans and neighbourhood development orders.	Progress made	New powers for businesses are set out in the Localism Act, and draft regulations are currently out to consultation. 126 projects are underway across the country to test the neighbourhood planning process, including six areas where business organisations are taking a leading role. Some of these projects are expected to produce a neighbourhood plan or order in 2012 under the provisions of the Localism Act.
5	Planning	The Government will pilot a land auctions model, starting with public sector land.	Work started	On 21 November 2011 the Housing Strategy announced that the Ministry of Defence and Homes and Communities Agency had identified public sector sites where the land disposal elements of the land auctions

				model will be piloted. The Government will invite local authorities to work in partnership as part of the pilot, and has set aside funding to support the participating authorities.
6	Planning	The Government will localise choice about the use of previously developed land, removing nationally imposed targets.	Progress made ¹	These proposals were included in the draft NPPF (see action 3).
7	Planning	The Government will consult on proposals to make it easier to convert commercial premises to residential.	Complete	The Government has consulted on proposals to relax planning rules and will publish its response in early 2012. The Government has also invited views on how 'change of use' is handled in the planning system and will consult shortly on additional proposals to improve the efficiency of the Use Class Order.
8	Planning	The Government will introduce a number of measures to streamline the planning applications and related consents regimes removing bureaucracy from the system and speeding it up. This will include a 12 month guarantee for the processing of all planning applications, including any appeals.	Progress made	The Government set out a plan in July 2011 to deliver a 12 month guarantee for the processing of all planning applications. A package of new measures to streamline the planning system will be published for consultation shortly.
9	Planning	The Government will ensure a fast-track planning process for major infrastructure applications through the Major Infrastructure Planning system.	Progress made	The Localism Act abolishes the Infrastructure Planning Commission and returns decisions over major infrastructure projects to Ministers. The Government has undertaken a light touch review of the secondary legislation and guidance for the major infrastructure regime, to ensure the process remains current and fit-for-purpose. These improvements will be implemented by July 2012.
10	Planning	The Government is legislating to introduce a duty on local authorities and public bodies to require them to co-operate on planning issues.	Progress made	The Localism Act has introduced a duty on local authorities and public bodies to require them to co-operate on planning issues. The consultation on supporting regulations closed on 7 October 2011.
11	Regulation	The Government will introduce a moratorium exempting micro and start-up businesses from new domestic regulation for three years from April 2011.	Complete	The moratorium was introduced in April 2011 and is reducing the flow of new domestic regulations on micros and start-ups.

¹ This measure was previously marked as 'complete' (July 2011). However, the Government recognises that while the specific action has been carried out, this will not be complete until the NPPF is fully operational. Until that time, this measure has been revised to 'progress made'.

12	Regulation	The Government will scrap proposals for specific regulations that would have cost businesses over £350 million a year to implement.	Progress Made	The Government announced in April 2011 that it will not extend the right to request time to train to businesses with fewer than 250 employees, saving businesses an estimated £350 million a year. The Government continues to review employment-related law for employers and employees to cut unnecessary demands on business while safeguarding workers' rights, and on 23 November 2011 announced a significant package of reform to employment law.
13	Regulation	The Government will launch an extensive public thematic review to reduce the existing stock of regulation.	Progress made	The Red Tape Challenge was launched in April 2011. So far, four themes have been through the rigorous challenge process, with details of the fifth to be published shortly, and as a result of this process, over 50 per cent of domestic regulations reviewed across the first four themes will be scrapped or simplified. A further seven themes are in progress. On 29 November 2011, the Government announced that 65 of the manufacturing regulations reviewed will be scrapped or amended.
14	Regulation	The Government will make further changes to employment legislation to reduce the costs to businesses of compliance.	Progress made	On 23 November 2011 the Government announced a package of measures as part of the Employment Law Review and Red Tape Challenge process. This includes: reforms to streamline the employment tribunals system; increasing the qualifying period for unfair dismissal from one to two years from April 2012; and proposals on the introduction of fees for taking a claim to tribunal, a model settlement agreement, mediation pilots, and protected conversations. The Government also published calls for evidence on TUPE and the collective redundancy consultation rules, and will be calling for evidence on compensated no fault dismissal and Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS) code; the Home Office will deliver universal portability of Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks, with checking facility available on line from 2013.
15	Regulation	The Government will implement proposals from Lord Young's Review of Health and Safety.	Progress made	On 28 November 2011 the Government broadly accepted all the recommendations in Professor Löfstedt's independent review of health and safety. Implementation of all the recommendations is expected to result in a 50 per cent reduction in the number of health and safety regulations. All of the recommendations from Lord Young's earlier report on health and safety are being implemented in full. This includes new risk assessment tools, and important reforms to 'No Win No Fee' arrangements are passing through Parliament.

16	Regulation	The Government plans to move registration of the main business taxes online.	Work started	'One Click' will drive down the time a business needs to spend on tax and regulation. On 14 November 2011, the Government launched ' My New Business ', a new service for pre-start up businesses on the Businesslink.gov website. From April 2012, those starting or growing a business will be able to register for the main business taxes through a new Online Tax Registration Service – an 'intelligent Registration Wizard', and will be able to access their own Tax Dashboard displaying their details held across taxes, with online self-serve update facilities and easy links to services, saving both time and money.
17	Regulation	The Government will launch a major focus on revising burdensome EU regulations and directives.	Progress made	The Government has launched a major focus in this area and engagement with the European Commission, other EU Member States, UK businesses and business organisations is underway. Already, the Government has used a Commission consultation on revising the Clinical Trials Directive to push for a risk-based, proportionate regulatory framework, and continues to play a leading role in Europe to meet UK industry needs and concerns. The Government has been engaging on the Commission's review ('fitness check') of the Information & Consultation Directives and the Government continues to highlight the need for robust evidence before any decision is taken on whether the Directives should be amended.
18	Regulation	The Government will work with GSK, Balfour Beatty, Kingfisher and Tribeka Limited to find ways to improve European growth opportunities for UK businesses.	Complete	A report published on 29 November 2011 includes 16 specific cases for EU regulatory reform to improve UK business growth, as identified by these four UK businesses. These cases reinforce UK aims to reduce the overall EU burden, foster EU innovation, complete the internal market and remove gold-plating.
19	Regulation	The Government will push the Commission to deliver a culture change that bears down on the overall impact of EU legislation.	Progress made	Heads of Government have committed to reduce the overall EU regulatory burden. The European Commission has committed to exempting micro-enterprises from new EU legislation unless there are compelling reasons to include them, and the European Parliament has created an Impact Assessment unit to ensure due consideration of business burdens. EU Ministers have committed to remove audit requirements from small firms which should save UK SMEs £150-£300 million a year.
20	Regulation	The Government will improve online Business Link guidance on regulation.	Complete	Existing regulatory content on businesslink.gov has been simplified and the website search facility has been enhanced to improve access to all content. The Better Regulation Executive will now go further and work

				with the Government Digital Service on the priorities identified by business, so that guidance provides as much legal certainty as possible, supports easier transactions with Government and is tailored to help smaller businesses.
21	Regulation	The Government will publish an Enforcement White Paper in May 2011 with plans to improve enforcement of regulations.	Progress made	A consultation was held between June and September 2011. The Government response will be published shortly, including a commitment to review all regulators, impose sunset clauses on new statutory regulators, and improve and extend the successful primary authority scheme to bring more accountability and coherence to local regulation.
22	Trade and Investment	Led by the Minister for Trade and Investment, UKTI will develop a more entrepreneurial culture which makes better use of private sector expertise and talent with a clear focus on winning business for UK firms.	Progress made	A more commercial approach has been introduced by contracting out the delivery of UK Trade and Investment's inward investment services in England on a 'payment by results' basis. UKTI have recruited senior figures with extensive business experience to the posts of head of UKTI's new Strategic Relations Team; CEO of Tech City Investment Organisation; and heading up UKTI's operation in the United States.
23	Trade and Investment	The Government will provide a bespoke service to key inward investors giving them direct access to UK Ministers and speedy resolution of bureaucratic obstacles to investment. This will support a major drive to encourage investment in economically significant projects.	Progress made	UKTI's new Strategic Relations Team provides focus for relationships with major inward investors and exporters, including overseas institutional investors, such as Sovereign Wealth Funds. Strategic relationships have already been developed with 38 companies and key Middle Eastern and Far Eastern institutional investors. Recent activities include signing a Memorandum of Understanding with China on infrastructure investment, and a China-UK event, on 8 November 2011, where Chinese institutional investors and UK Infrastructure developers came together to encourage investment in major infrastructure projects.
24	Trade and Investment	UKTI will deliver a new package of support to help SMEs with an ambition to break into overseas markets.	Progress made	On 10 November 2011 'The National Export Challenge – Exporting for Growth' launched a series of initiatives aimed at small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) new to exporting, including: business intermediaries to provide sector knowledge and support for SMEs; Open to Export' web resource enabling UK firms to swap information and experiences directly; a new UKTI prize for the best export idea; and a new 'how to' export guide for professional services companies. Additional outreach activity for SMEs in the defence and security sectors is being provided through regional 'Export for Growth' seminars.
25	Trade and	The Government will use the Foreign and	Progress	57 projects worth in excess of £130billion have been identified as High

	Investment	Commonwealth Office and UKTI to provide UK businesses with local intelligence on high value projects overseas and intensive support to win these deals.	made	Value Opportunities. There have been UK successes to date in multi-million pound contracts in and around the Sochi Winter Olympic Games in Russia 2014 and the Zhuhai-Macao Bridge project in China. UKTI is currently exploring ways of integrating more effectively the UK supply chain into high value opportunities.
26	Trade and Investment	In EU negotiations, the Government will press for opening of market access overseas in areas of UK strengths, in particular the service sector.	Progress made	The EU-South Korea Free Trade Agreement (FTA) was launched in July 2011. South Korean investment in UK and UK exports to South Korea are worth £10 billion per annum. The Government is continuing engagement with business and influencing EU negotiations, aimed at making progress on the FTAs with India, Japan, the South American Mercosur countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay), Singapore and Canada.
27	Trade and Investment	Working closely with business, UKTI will identify opportunities and barriers faced by UK companies operating in high-growth markets and ensure that the UK's diplomatic resources and ministerial visits focus on eliminating these barriers to trade.	Progress made	A high-profile campaign aimed at getting more UK businesses to export to Asia will be launched in December 2011. The FCO/UKTI Overseas Business Risk service, to help business overcome barriers, was launched in July 2011. UKTI has supported visits by the Prime Minister to China, The Gulf, India, Russia and Turkey.
28	Trade and Investment	To address demand for short-term trade credit insurance, the Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD) has extended the eligibility of its existing short term credit insurance policy, the Export Insurance Policy (EXIP).	Complete	Since March 2011, UK Export Finance (formerly ECGD) has issued eight insurance policies under the widened eligibility of its short-term credit insurance product - the Export Insurance Policy - in support of six UK exporters. These provide insurance for up to £16 million per annum of exports to buyers in Russia, South Korea, Taiwan, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates. It has made offers of support for a further three exporters under this product.
29	Trade and Investment	The Government makes permanent two facilities introduced in response to the financial crisis: the Letter of Credit Guarantee Scheme and allowing ECGD's guarantees to be used to raise long-term finance in capital markets for UK exports.	Complete	The Letter of Credit Guarantee Scheme and allowing Export UK's guarantees to be used to raise long-term finance in capital markets for UK exports were made permanent in March 2011.
30	Trade and Investment	The Government will provide further support to exporters, particularly SMEs, by working with banks to ensure a successful implementation of three new ECGD	Complete	UK Export Finance is undertaking an extensive marketing campaign alongside UKTI, banks, trade associations and professional bodies to raise awareness of its three new products (Bond support, Export Working Capital, and Foreign Exchange). UK Export Finance has issued

		products: a bond support product, an export working capital product and a foreign exchange credit support scheme.		guarantees to two exporters on 16 contract bonds facilitating exports to China, Italy, Qatar and Spain with a related contract value in excess of £42 million. It has made offers to three exporters on 26 further bonds with a related contract value in excess of £75 million.
31	Trade and Investment	The Government is launching the Export Enterprise Finance Guarantee (ExEFG) and promoting its use to SMEs.	Complete	Under the Export Enterprise Finance Guarantee (ExEFG), which was launched in April 2011, the Government is guaranteeing lenders to facilitate the provision of short-term export finance lines of up to £1 million to exporting SMEs with a turnover of up to £25 million.
32	Trade and Investment	UKBA will implement a single point of contact for all traders, with lead officials at ports and airports whom they can contact in the event of delays and issues related to Government Departments.	Complete	The UK Border Agency (UKBA) has established lead officials at all key ports and airports and is continuing to explore how these arrangements can be further improved. In addition, UKBA has set up a Strategic Partner Group, chaired by the head of UK Border Force. This Group draws together a range of representatives from across industry to discuss current border control issues and future plans for modernising border controls. It also focuses on how the agency and its strategic partners can work together more effectively to achieve key aims and to tackle arising issues through open and constructive dialogue.
33	Access to finance	Significant reform of the Enterprise Investment Scheme and Venture Capital Trusts, subject to State Aid approval.	Progress made	EU Commission approval has been received to commence the Enterprise Investment Scheme rate change to 30 per cent from April 2011 and to enact the doubling of the investor limits from April 2012. Work is ongoing to secure approval for the remaining reforms. A consultation on a new seed investment scheme and simplification and refocusing of the existing schemes closed on 28 September 2011; changes will now be legislated, with effect from April 2012.
34	Access to finance	An increase to £10 million of the lifetime limit on capital gains qualifying for Entrepreneurs' Relief.	Complete	The increase came into effect in April 2011.
35	Access to finance	Re-notification of Community Investment Tax Relief to the EU Commission.	Work started	An informal consultation on how the scheme can be made more effective will be launched shortly, with the outcome to be announced at the time of Budget 2012. Renotification will be in 2012.
36	Access to finance	The interim launch of the Big Society Bank.	Complete	The Big Society Bank was launched as the Big Society Capital Group on 29 July 2011. The first investment, announced in July 2011, was £1 million in a social investment fund run by the Private Equity Foundation to help disadvantaged young people into employment, education and training.

37	Access to finance	Reforms to the delivery of European Regional Development Funds (ERDF).	Progress made	The Government has aligned the European Regional Development Funds and Regional Growth Fund Round 2, enabling joint bids to both Funds. Financial Engineering Instruments, including venture capital schemes, have been developed to enable further access to finance for SMEs.
38	Access to finance	A review of the UK's regulatory framework of covered bonds.	Complete	The review was published in April 2011. The Government response and impact assessment were published on 29 November 2011, setting out how the Government will provide a more competitive environment for the UK in terms of bank funding through covered bonds, and so help lending to businesses and consumers.
39	Competition	The Government will reform and further invigorate the UK's competition framework.	Progress made	A public consultation on reform of the UK's competition regime and the creation of a single competition body, the Competition and Markets Authority, was held between March and June 2011. A Government blueprint on competition reforms will be published shortly.
40	Competition	The Government will promote greater transparency in transfer of undertaking (protection of employment) (TUPE) related liabilities.	Progress made	The Government has made progress in addressing issues through withdrawing the two-tier code, which placed an excessive burden on independent providers of public services, and through consulting on the Fair Deal for Pensions. The Government launched a call for evidence on TUPE in November 2011. Should the balance of evidence call for possible amendments to the current Regulations there will be a formal consultation on any proposed changes in 2012.
41	Competition	The Government is publishing Shaping Competitive Markets in April 2011 to support procurement choices that encourage competition.	Progress made	The Minister for the Cabinet Office announced on 21 November 2011 a package of measures that will revolutionise how Government buys from the private sector, including: publishing £50 billion of potential business online; making it 40 per cent faster to do business with government; and collaborating with businesses at a much earlier stage in the procurement process so they don't find themselves excluded from opportunities. Further details were announced on 29 November 2011. These actions, together with the materials and training that will be developed to upskill procurers, supersede the commitment to publish Shaping Competitive Markets. This is because these new measures go significantly beyond what was envisaged by Shaping Competitive Markets, which had been intended as guidance to procurers disseminating existing best practice.

42	Competition	The Government is stripping back regulation and increasing transparency to make it easier for small businesses and voluntary organisations to compete for local government contracts.	Progress made	In September 2011 the Government published new statutory guidance on the Best Value Duty. This underlines the role of small business and voluntary and community organisations in local service provision. This guidance, taken together with measures such as Community Right to Challenge in the Localism Act, reduces the barriers that often prevent voluntary organisations and small to medium sized enterprises competing for local authority contracts.
43	Competition	The Government will publish in April 2011 a binding set of principles of economic regulation to provide greater certainty for long-term investors in UK infrastructure.	Complete	In April 2011 the Government published the Principles of Economic Regulation. These will contribute to improving the Government's policy on the design of regulatory frameworks. Application of the principles will be set out publicly by departments which sponsor the regulated sectors as the regulatory frameworks are reviewed. For example, the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) completed a review of Ofgem in July 2011 and its findings were guided by the published Principles.
44	Competition	The Government will set out in April 2011 its vision for consumer empowerment, to explain how it will help to support consumers in making better choices.	Complete	The Government published 'Better Choices: Better Deals' in April 2011. This set out its vision for consumer empowerment, explaining how it will help to support consumers in making better choices. The strategy sets out what Government and others can do to help increase consumer power in a rapidly changing and demanding economy.
45	Corporate Governance	The Government will reduce the number of UK SMEs & subsidiaries required to undertake an audit.	Progress made	A consultation document on changing audit exemptions to remove gold plating, by changing applicable thresholds, from small companies and subsidiaries was published on 6 October 2011. The consultation will close on 29 December 2011.
46	Corporate Governance	The Government will change the law in 2012 to exempt many subsidiaries from producing audited accounts; and push the EU to exempt the smallest companies from reporting requirements.	Progress made	The consultation, launched on 6 October 2011 (see action 45), covers the exemption for subsidiaries. Forthcoming changes to the Fourth Accounting Directive will exempt micro-businesses from certain reporting requirements, thereby reducing the administrative burden on the smallest businesses.
47	Corporate Governance	The Government is calling on the OFT to investigate whether clauses in lending agreements made by the banks are unfairly restricting competition in the audit market.	Complete	On 21 October 2011 the OFT announced that it would refer the market for the supply of Statutory Audit services for large companies to the Competition Commission. The Commission's investigation is ongoing.

48	Corporate Governance	The Government will materially simplify narrative reporting for quoted companies.	Progress made	The Government launched a consultation on 19 September 2011 on the future of narrative reporting, with the aim of simplification. The consultation closed on 25 November 2011 and the Government will respond in early 2012.
49	Corporate Governance	The Government will modernise the legislative framework governing mutuals.	Complete	The Legislative Reform (Industrial and Provident Societies and Credit Unions) Order 2011 completed its passage through Parliament and was made on 8 November 2011. It will come into effect on 8 January 2012. This will allow credit unions to function more efficiently and compete more effectively with other financial service providers.
50	Corporate Governance	The Government will improve the guidance on businesslink.gov.uk to support business and social enterprise start-ups.	Complete	Guidance has been made available on the BIS website, via Businesslink.gov.uk, to help those starting up businesses, including social enterprises, to decide which legal structure and ownership model is most appropriate.
51	Low Carbon	To encourage investment in low-carbon power, the Government will introduce a carbon price floor for electricity generation from 1 April 2013.	Progress made	Following consultation, Budget 2011 announced the introduction of a carbon price floor from 1 April 2013. Primary legislation achieved Royal Assent in the Finance Act 2011.
52	Low Carbon	The Government will scrap the unnecessary plans for a new Carbon Capture and Storage levy.	Complete	The Carbon Capture and Storage levy has been scrapped as announced in the Plan for Growth. As a result of scrapping the Levy, average business electricity bills will be two per cent lower from 2015 and three per cent lower in 2020 than they would otherwise have been.
53	Low Carbon	The Government will cap the cost of policies funded through energy bills.	Complete	A new levy-control framework, published in April 2011, will maintain tax and spending within agreed limits. The cap for each year of the Spending Review period will be set at Spending Reviews.
54	Low Carbon	The Government will support the infrastructure development needed to enable the transition to a green economy through the Green Investment Bank.	Progress made	The Government published an update on the design and governance of the Green Investment Bank in May 2011, and in August 2011 announced an Advisory Group, set up to advise Ministers on the establishment of the Bank and its strategic direction. The Government announced on 29 November 2011 that it will invest as UK Green Investments (UKGI) in green infrastructure projects from April 2012, ahead of obtaining state aid approval for the Green Investment Bank. Non-domestic energy efficiency will be one of the priority sectors for UKGI, which will make available up to £100 million in the next financial year for commercial and industrial energy efficiency projects.

55	Low Carbon	The Government is promoting development of new markets in green goods and services.	Progress made	'Enabling the transition to a green economy' was published in August 2011, setting out the range of policy tools the Government is using to support the transition to a green economy, the opportunities that are created and the implications for the way in which businesses operate. Key actions to promote development of new markets in green goods and services include: the Low Carbon Networks Fund, the Green Deal, due to be launched in Autumn 2012, and £400 million of funding to help position Britain as a global leader in the design, production and use of ultra-low emission vehicles.
56	Advanced Manufacturing	The Government will extend the capital allowances short life asset regime for plant and machinery from four years to eight years, from April 2011, more closely aligning tax and economic depreciation.	Complete	The Finance Act 2011 extended the capital allowance short life asset regime for plant and machinery from four to eight years. The measure will commence from April 2012 and will apply to new assets acquired from 1 April 2011.
57	Advanced Manufacturing	The Government will expand the University Technical Colleges (UTCs) programme, to establish at least 24 new colleges by 2014.	Progress made	Five UTCs have already been approved – JCB Academy in Staffordshire (operating), the Black Country (opened September 2011), Aston in Birmingham (2012), Hackney (2012) and Greenwich (2013). Fourteen further University Technical Colleges across the country have been approved to open between 2012 and 2014. This announcement increases the number of UTCs to nineteen. A further application round was launched in November 2011.
58	Advanced Manufacturing	The Government will launch a high value manufacturing Technology and Innovation Centre.	Complete	In October 2011, the Technology Strategy Board launched the High Value Manufacturing Technology and Innovation Centre, the first of a network of Technology and Innovation Centres (TIC). The Board will be investing £140 million in the High Value Manufacturing TIC over a six year period, which will commercialise business-led research, reduce the risk of innovation for new and established UK manufacturing businesses, and attract international business to the UK.
59	Advanced Manufacturing	The Government will fund nine new university-based centres for Innovative Manufacturing by 2012.	Complete	Nine new university-based EPSRC research centres for innovative manufacturing were launched in March 2011. Each centre will receive five years of funding to retain staff, develop collaborations, carry out feasibility studies, and support up to two research projects.

60	Advanced Manufacturing	The Government will fund a programme of new Manufacturing Fellowships.	Progress made	A call for applications was announced in March 2011. The number of high-quality applications received for the new EPSRC Manufacturing Fellowships exceeded expectations for a pilot call. Fellowships will be appointed in April 2012.
61	Advanced Manufacturing	The Government announces an accelerated launch of the new enhanced Manufacturing Advisory Service with an additional £7 million (£59.3m in total) to deliver its services over the next three years.	Progress made	The Government announced in October 2011 details of the new nationally operated Manufacturing Advisory Service , to be operational from January 2012. This will be delivered by the Manufacturing Advisory Consortium, who forecast that this could help create £1.5 billion in economic growth and an estimated 23,000 jobs.
62	Advanced Manufacturing	The Government is launching a new £75 million programme of targeted support to help smaller employers access Advanced Level and Higher Apprenticeships.	Progress made	In July 2011, the Government announced details of a £25 million fund to be administered by the National Apprenticeship Service. The £25 million for the Higher Apprenticeships Fund is part of a package of additional investment in apprenticeships totalling £180 million, announced at Budget 2011. This fund will support up to 10,000 Advanced Level and Higher Apprenticeships, giving firms in sectors such as advanced manufacturing, information technology and engineering the high-tech skills they need to grow. This new fund invites bids which offer new flexible delivery models, making it easier for smaller businesses to take on apprentices. The outcome of the competition for funding will be announced shortly.
63	Advanced Manufacturing	The Government will support the development of a new degree-equivalent Higher Level Apprenticeship which will include incorporating engineering status and professional recognition for successful apprentices when they graduate.	Work started	The UK Commission for Employment and Skills has established a Strategy Board which is leading work to deliver a new degree-equivalent Higher Level Apprenticeship framework for Advanced Manufacturing. The new framework is due to be published in 2012.
64	Advanced Manufacturing	The Government will strengthen its strategy for promoting STEM skills.	Progress made	To support teaching of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) skills in schools a contract was awarded to MyScience.co Ltd in October 2011 to provide continuous professional development support to teachers of triple science. In addition, the STEM ambassador programme continues to bring STEM professionals from industry and academia into schools to inspire and enthuse young people.

65	Advanced Manufacturing	The Government will launch a high profile industry showcase alongside the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and roll out of a programme of 'Made in Britain' exhibitions.	Progress made	In November 2011 the Government launched the 'Make It In Great Britain' campaign to raise the profile of UK manufacturing and to promote the excellent career and investment opportunities it provides. This will culminate in a high profile, interactive exhibition of cutting edge UK manufacturing at the Science Museum in the summer of 2012.
66	Advanced Manufacturing	The Government will seek to promote a new international prize in engineering, working with private sector partners to create an endowment to support such a prize	Complete	On 17 November 2011 the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, and Leader of the Opposition launched the new £1 million Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering , which has been endowed by a range of private sector partners and will be awarded bi-annually, starting in Spring 2013, by the Royal Academy. This Prize is a new global award which celebrates truly outstanding advances in engineering that have created significant benefit to humanity.
67	Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will set up a new health research regulatory agency to streamline regulation and improve the cost effectiveness of clinical trials. The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) will make funding to providers of NHS services conditional on meeting benchmarks, including a 70 day benchmark to recruit first patients for trials.	Progress made	The Health Research Authority will be established as a Special Health Authority on 1 December 2011 and will combine and streamline approvals processes that are currently scattered across many separate bodies. The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Research Support Services Framework was launched in May 2011. The NIHR is making the 70 day benchmark a condition of new contracts from December 2011, and performance against this benchmark will affect funding from 2013.
68	Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will reduce perceived gold-plating and increase the proportionality of EU Clinical Trials Directive (CTD) and its application.	Progress made	The Government is encouraging the European Commission to bring forward a proposal to introduce a more risk-based approach to the management of clinical trials in the EU. In the UK, and within the terms of existing legislation, guidance on risk adapted approaches to managing clinical trials was launched in April 2011. In September 2011 a report was published on the pilot with Health Technology Assessment (HTA) to develop a risk proportionate approach to trial monitoring. Examples of proportionate approaches to management of clinical trials will be published by March 2012. In addition the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) launched a Good Clinical Practice Forum on 31 October 2011, enabling extended communication between researchers and allowing users to put forward their comments and questions.

69	Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will open up information about clinical trials to enable the public to get involved.	Progress made	The NIHR UK Clinical Trials Gateway test site was launched in March 2011. Stakeholders are contributing to enhancement of the website to provide information in accessible form to patients and the public on clinical trials which are relevant to their condition. The new site will be launched in Spring 2012. The Government has run pilots through November 2011 to make this information further accessible across other mobile channels.
70	Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will build a consensus on using e-health record data to create a unique position for the UK in health research.	Complete	On 31 October 2011, the Government published its plan to establish the Clinical Practice Research Datalink (CPRD) . CPRD will be a new, enhanced service that will constitute a £60 million investment by NIHR and MHRA. The creation of CPRD will provide a unique opportunity for life science research providing access to data that supports clinical trials and population observational studies at an unprecedented scale. It will enable new methods of research to be making the UK a location of choice for research.
71	Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will open up information on clinical research to promote collaboration and innovation.	Progress made	The NIHR website is the mechanism for opening up information on clinical research to researchers and industry, promoting collaboration and innovation. The project to improve the ease with which researchers, industry and the public can access information on clinical research via the website started in May 2011 and will be completed in March 2012. The requirements and changes to the NIHR website have been agreed, and between December 2011 and March 2012 a contract change notice will be issued and further work carried out.
72	Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will consider opening up prescribing data.	Progress made	Following a report from the Health and Social Care Information Centre, the Government confirmed the intention to publish practice-level prescribing data at 'chemical' level (the active substances for medicines rather than the individual brands). This data will be published in December 2011.
73	Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will form new Translational Research Partnerships from its £775 million investment in NIHR Biomedical Research Centres and Units.	Complete	Two NIHR Translational Research Partnerships were launched on 6 October 2011. They offer an important new way for life sciences companies to collaborate with the UK's leading clinical researchers on early and exploratory development of drugs and other interventions. The NIHR Office for Clinical Research Infrastructure provides a single point of contact for industry. The Government has increased its investment to £800 million in NIHR Biomedical Research Centres and Units.

74	Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will remove any barriers that limit the further development of geographical clusters, working with industry, local government, universities, NHS and funders.	Progress made	Evidence collected through extensive consultation with stakeholders, including industry, NHS, local Government, universities and funders has been consolidated and analysed to identify barriers that limit the further development of geographical clusters. This has informed the development of appropriate actions to address identified barriers to geographical clustering, details of which will be published shortly.
75	Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will launch a competition to form a Cell Therapy Technology and Innovation Centre (TIC).	Progress made	The Technology Strategy Board launched a competition to form the Cell Therapy TIC in May 2011. This closed on 2 September 2011, and next steps will be announced shortly with a view to having an operational centre by April 2012.
76	Healthcare and Life Sciences	To ensure educators provide the skilled individuals the sector needs to grow, the Government will, through Cogent, improve market signalling by bringing companies and educators together.	Progress made	Cogent published an action plan in May 2011 and is taking forward recommendations with industry and educators. A framework for a High Level Apprenticeship is in development and a Foundation Degree in Applied Bioscience Technology will be launched in January 2012. The Society of Biology is running a pilot accreditation scheme for undergraduate degrees, with <i>in-vivo</i> and biochemistry degrees the first two subjects to be accredited. The Society is currently exploring ways of expanding the scheme.
77	Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will ensure that the Intellectual Property (IP) system supports life sciences businesses.	Progress made	A consultation on the risk of patent infringement during clinical or field trials was carried out over the summer. Results of the consultation were published on 29 November 2011. To ensure the barriers to knowledge transfer from universities are minimised, the Government published an updated IP Strategy Handbook in May 2011. To ensure UK businesses are able to exploit their IP rights in overseas markets the IPO have work plans for a number of key overseas markets.
78	Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will take forward a range of measures to encourage innovation in NHS procurement.	Progress made	The Government is introducing a package of measures to standardise procurement, assist SMEs in accessing NHS procurement channels and support innovation in procurement. The Government is committed to encouraging more innovation in healthcare and has launched the Small Businesses Research Initiative with a £10 million budget over the next two years, and developed a phase two strategy for the Innovative Technology Adoption Procurement Programme.

79	Healthcare and Life Sciences	The NHS Chief Executive will provide a report by November 2011, in consultation with industry, academia and other interested parties, on how the adoption and diffusion of innovations can be accelerated across the NHS. This report will inform the strategic approach to innovation in the reformed NHS.	Progress made	The NHS Chief Executive will publish, alongside the Life Sciences Strategy in December 2011, his report on how the adoption and diffusion of innovations can be accelerated across the NHS. The Review was launched on 30 June 2011 with an open call for evidence, and the scope of the review covers the spread of innovative technologies, medicines, devices, diagnostics and care pathways. The review will inform the strategic approach to innovation in the modernised NHS.
80	Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will take forward a package of measures to improve the take up of assisted living technology.	Progress made	The Technology and Strategy Board will invest £18 million over four years into the Delivery Assisted Living Lifestyles at Scale (DALLAS) programme to deliver innovative and cost-effective services at scale in the UK, to improve quality of life and enable people to live independently for longer. The competition is currently running and the selection of communities will take place in April 2012 The Scottish government has also invested £5 million to fund a DALLAS community in Scotland.
81	Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will strip out regulations that were never meant for the social care market and are preventing market entry and flexible services.	Progress made	A roadmap on regulations was produced by the National Association for Adult Placement Schemes in conjunction with the Department of Health in October 2011, with a view to stripping out those that were never meant for the social care market. Revised regulations on use of private hire vehicles were launched in August 2011. Food standards regulations are being revised as part of Red Tape Challenge.
82	Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will establish a proactive, entrepreneurial NHS Global to make the most of the NHS brand internationally and to offer support and advice to NHS trusts.	Progress made	Lord Darzi led a successful clinical mission with leading foundation trust hospitals to Saudi Arabia (KSA) in October 2011 with the support of NHS Global and UKTI colleagues. Almost thirty opportunities for commercial/collaborative activities have been identified following the mission, and stronger relationships have been developed with key hospitals and ministry staff. A ministerial delegation to KSA is being planned for December 2011. NHS Global continues to be developed in partnership with the NHS Institute of Innovation and Improvement, including developing the infrastructure and funding mechanism, engaging with leading NHS providers and scoping expected international markets.

83	Digital and Creative Industries	The Government will deliver a package to support the UK's broadband digital infrastructure.	Progress made	The Government published in March 2011 the plan for the release of 5000 MHz public sector spectrum , which will help develop the UK's mobile broadband infrastructure and the development of other wireless communications technologies. The presumption in favour of sustainable development was published in the draft National Planning Policy Framework in June 2011 . The Government published on 29 November 2011 advice on micro trenching and street works, and a consultation on 'Relaxing the restrictions on the deployment of overhead telecommunications lines'. Broadband Delivery UK will consider applications from Local Authorities with matched funding to roll out superfast broadband in areas which are not covered by the private sector.
84	Digital and Creative Industries	In response to the Hargreaves recommendations, due in April 2011, the Government will consider simplifying payments for copyright materials and freeing up orphan works. The Government commits to no further broad reviews of the IP rights regime during the lifetime of this parliament.	Progress made	The Government published its response to the Hargreaves Review on Intellectual Property and Growth on 3 August 2011, accepting all the recommendations with an estimated benefit to business of £7.9 billion. The IPO will shortly publish its assessment on the case for reform of Design Rights system. The Government has announced that it will introduce a small claims track into the Patents County Court, which it is estimated will benefit around 150 firms every year, providing an annual boost to UK business of £350k. Richard Hooper, former Deputy Chair of Ofcom, was appointed in November 2011 to lead the Government's feasibility study on developing a Digital Copyright Exchange in the UK. The Government will publish its consultation on proposals for copyright reform, and will bring forward a White Paper in spring 2012.
85	Digital and Creative Industries	The Government's Intellectual Property Office (IPO) will improve the range of products and services available to support UK businesses, particularly SMEs, on issues relating to IP. The IPO will also establish a network of attachés covering the key global markets, including China, east Asia and India.	Progress made	The Intellectual Property Office (IPO) is working with other government departments to ensure that activities including Technology Innovation Centres and Business Coaching for Growth include expertise on intellectual property. The first Intellectual Property attaché covering China has now been recruited, and the attaché for India will be selected by the end of the year. Work is now underway to define the posts covering the Americas and Eastern Asia which will be recruited early in 2012.
86	Digital and Creative Industries	The Government will publish a guide to public sector IP procurement policy, so that industry exploits opportunities for IP to remain with the private sector provider for reuse.	Progress made	The Government will publish this guide by the end of 2011.

87	Digital and Creative Industries	The Government will substantially reduce the burden placed on business by the communications and media regulatory framework.	Progress made	In September 2011, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport set out the aims of the Communications Review as promoting growth; plurality and freedom of expression; and protecting consumers from offensive and unlawful content. A Green Paper setting out key policy goals will be published in January 2012.
88	Digital and Creative Industries	The Government will reduce the requirements for live music to be licensed.	Progress made	A public consultation with proposals for future licensing arrangements for live and recorded music, theatre, cinema, dance, film and indoor sport was launched on 10 September 2011 and will close in December 2011. The Live Music Bill (Private Member Bill) to deregulate live music has completed in the House of Lords and started progress through the House of Commons.
89	Digital and Creative Industries	The Government will reduce the proposed extension of legal deposit requirements to online publications	Progress made	The Government response to the consultation on the draft regulations and guidance for non-print legal deposit was published in April 2011. The Government intends to bring forward revised draft Regulations during 2012, following work with Legal Deposit Libraries and publishers to identify costs for their proposals.
90	Digital and Creative Industries	The Government will re-notify film tax relief to the European Commission.	Complete	The Prime Minister announced on 11 November 2011 that the European Commission had agreed to the extension of the film tax relief for three years.
91	Digital and Creative Industries	The Government recognises BBC Worldwide's contribution to UK creative exports and would welcome exploration by the BBC of how BBC Worldwide may act as a source of finance and distribution expertise for UK D&CI firms with global ambitions.	Complete	The BBC published ' Helping drive growth in the UK creative economy ' in September 2011, setting out the intention to help other high quality UK intellectual property reach global markets. BBC Worldwide works in partnership with the UK independent production companies and provides both direct funding and mentoring for smaller production companies. In addition, UKTI Creative Industries Marketing Board, which includes BBC Worldwide, along with the Growth subgroup of the Creative Industries Council, continue to look at ways to grow value in the international market from UK originated products.
92	Digital and Creative Industries	The Government will support the establishment by industry of a Creative Industries Council, which can provide a voice for the sector with the financial community and coordinate action on barriers to growth.	Complete	The Creative Industries Council has been established and held its first meeting in July 2011. The Council focuses on areas where the sector is facing barriers to growth, such as access to finance, skills, export markets, regulation, intellectual property (IP) and infrastructure. Recommendations across these areas will be reported by working groups to the next meeting of the Council in January 2012.

93	Digital and Creative Industries	A marketing plan will be developed by UKTI to promote opportunities for investment in the UK Digital and Creative Industries sector.	Complete	A sector strategy has been developed which focuses on the sub-sectors within the creative and digital sector where there is most opportunity for inward investment. A substantial marketing campaign has been delivered nationally and internationally to highlight the Tech City initiative, promoting London as the digital capital of Europe.
94	Digital and Creative Industries	The Government will improve the stock of skills in the digital and creative industries.	Progress made	The Creative Industries Council sub-group on skills is due to report to full Council in January 2012. A new strategic partnership has been developed between the Sector Skills Councils Skillset and Creative and Cultural Skills together with the National Apprenticeship Service. STEMNET will increase the numbers of STEM Ambassadors from digital and creative industries sectors by approximately 10 per cent per year. The Government published its response to the Livingstone-Hope Review of Skills in Video Games and the Visual Effects on 28 November 2011.
95	Professional and Business Services	The Government will shortly publish guidance to help commercial organisations understand the Bribery Act 2010 better.	Complete	The Government published guidance in March 2011.
96	Professional and Business Services	The Government wants to abolish over two dozen regulatory offences under Money Laundering Regulations and exempt businesses with very low turnovers, which will reduce compliance burdens.	Progress made	This week the Government published a summary of responses to the consultation held during summer 2011. The outcome of the consultation will be published by March 2012.
97	Professional and Business Services	The Government wants to make it easier to do business in the UK. The UK Border Agency (UKBA) will launch services for trusted business visa service users, entrepreneurs and high net worth investors, move to online visa processing, and publish application guidance in more local languages.	Progress made	The UK Border Agency (UKBA) has launched a new Prospective Entrepreneur visa to enable business start ups and funding to be arranged before obtaining an Entrepreneur visa. Entrepreneur visas include access for investment partners, and the minimum investment thresholds have been reduced from £200,000 to £50,000 from specified sources. In April 2011, UKBA introduced faster entitlement to UK settlement for high net worth investors - after two years for those investing £10 million or more. In April 2011, to improve understanding of UK visa services in emerging markets, UKBA published tourist and business visitor visa guidance in Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Russian, Turkish, and Thai.

98	Professional and Business Services	The Ministry of Justice and UKTI will work with the sector to promote the UK's world leading business arbitration and commercial law services.	Progress made	The Ministry of Justice published a Legal Services Action plan in May 2011, and is working with UKTI and industry to champion the UK as a global centre of legal excellence. UKTI teams in priority markets are focusing on key strengths of the legal sector, and legal elements have been built into key ministerial visits. The Rolls Building opened in London in October 2011, providing a world-class centre for UK services in Dispute Resolution. Parties choosing English law to govern their transactions can agree to bring disputes before courts in the Rolls Building from anywhere in the world.
99	Professional and Business Services	The Government will pursue improved access to new markets outside the EU.	Progress made	Addressing barriers to trade in professional and business services is a priority for the UK, and is an integral part of UKTI's priority actions. UK legal experts accompanied the Prime Minister to Moscow in September 2011, and the Secretary of State for Justice made a number of key calls promoting legal access during his visit to India in September 2011. A Ministerial visit to Saudi Arabia will take place in December 2011, followed by a large commercial delegation in February 2012.
100	Professional and Business Services	The Government will press the European Commission and other EU member states to implement the Services Directive in full.	Progress made	The Government is working to improve the free movement of services, through the Services Directive , as a step to further European opportunities for UK businesses. Points of Single Contact have now been established in all Member States, and the Government welcomes the European Commission's benchmarking study as a basis for progress.
101	Professional and Business Services	The Government wants to encourage talented students into the professions regardless of their background. A working group of the UK Commission for Employment and Skills (UKCES) will look at whether a new accountancy apprenticeship programme would be effective, and propose other measures to improve access to the professions.	Progress made	The Working Group was established in summer 2011 and is being chaired by Jeremy Anderson, Chairman of KPMG's Global Financial Services Practice. Their report was published on 28 November 2011 and recommends that the current requirements for Higher Apprenticeships should be revised to support progression to professional or chartered status (Level 6) and beyond. Recommendations will be considered in December 2011.
102	Professional and Business Services	The Professional and Business Services Group (PBSG), chaired by Sir Michael Snyder, will launch a Log of Professional Readiness by June to promote increased employability skills among graduates.	Complete	Sir Michael Snyder and the Professional and Business Services Group completed the Log of Professional Readiness in June 2011. This will enable school leavers and undergraduates to record work experience, relevant gap-year activity, positions of responsibility, active citizenship and volunteering, and extra-curricular investment in employability such as language practice or youth work, so that businesses will be able to recognise graduates' employability.

103	Professional and Business Services	Initiatives being developed by a Government / business cyber security partnership will make the UK a more resilient place to do business. These are likely to include sharing information on potentially damaging cyber activity, setting up a national incident response capability and promoting the development of world leading cyber security skills in the UK.	Progress made	The Office of Cyber Security and Information Assurance (OCSIA) published the Government's Cyber Security strategy on 25 November 2011. This includes Government actions to lower the risks and secure the benefit of a trusted digital environment. As well as mainstreaming cyber security messages in its outreach to business, the Government will work with professional business services and the insurance market to ensure that cyber security is effectively managed as a business risk.
104	Professional and Business Services	The Government will cut down the administrative burdens of complying with business regulation.	Progress made	As part of the Employment Law Review and Red Tape Challenge, the Government announced a series of measures on 23 November 2011 to cut down the administrative burdens of complying with business regulation . Other regulations will be examined over the next six months and the Professional and Business Services Group will be working closely with Government to improve the quality and effectiveness of regulation in areas relevant to their businesses.
105	Professional and Business Services	The Financial Reporting Council will work closely with the professions, businesses and market participants to reinforce the principle that independent regulation and enforcement should focus on risk and outcomes rather than process.	Progress made	Following engagement with the professions, businesses and market participants, a consultation on reform , 'The Future Role of the Financial Reporting Council', opened in October 2011.
106	Retail	The Government will extend the current small business rate relief holiday for one year from 1 October 2011.	Complete	The Statutory Instrument to extend the current small business rate relief holiday for one year was laid before parliament on 7 July 2011, and came into force on 3 August 2011.
107	Retail	The Government will invite the independent Low Pay Commission (LPC) in its next report to consider and implement the best way to give business clarity on future levels of the National Minimum Wage, including consideration of two-year recommendations.	Progress made	In June 2011 the Government asked the Low Pay Commission (LPC) to consider ways of giving business greater clarity about the National Minimum Wage. The LPC is due to report in early 2012.
108	Retail	The Government will introduce a package of measures to support thriving town centres and build on the Town Centre First policy.	Progress made	The Prime Minister has asked Mary Portas to carry out a review of the UK's High Streets, and she will report her findings and recommendations shortly. The Government is committed to retaining strong policies for town centres through the forthcoming National Planning Policy Framework.

109	Retail	The Government will expand the Primary Authority model to apply consistent enforcement standards across a wider range of regulations and businesses.	Progress made	The consultation on regulatory enforcement closed in September 2011. The Government will shortly publish its response, to include details on the expansion of the Primary Authority Scheme; bringing additional types of business into scope (such as franchises); and bringing additional areas of regulation into scope of the scheme (such as gambling); and to strengthen the inspection plan element of the scheme which provides a more risk-based and proportionate approach to checking compliance.
110	Retail	The Government will amend regulations affecting retailers to make them more outcome-focused, and use a checklist approach to assist SMEs in complying with these regulations that affect the Retail sector.	Progress made	A pilot project has been set up to look at how regulations can be amended to make them more outcome-focused. It is looking, as an example, at how the implementation of the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulation is conducted. This project will report in April 2012.
111	Retail	The Government will implement a regulatory reform package to simplify complex and inconsistent age-restricted sales regulations and licences for businesses.	Progress made	In July 2011, the Red Tape Challenge identified over 160 regulations impacting on the retail sector that would be scrapped or simplified. The Government will clarify the rules for age-restricted sales and support work to improve compliance and make enforcement more consistent.
112	Retail	The Government will work with retailers to ensure the skills system is delivering what the sector needs, including by providing pre-employment retail skills training to the unemployed and encouraging greater take-up of retail apprenticeships.	Progress made	An action plan for retail skills was agreed with the industry in May 2011. It is delivering results in areas including the apprenticeships system, pre-employment training, and leadership and management capability.
113	Retail	The Government will work to remove regulatory barriers to increased cross-border online retail.	Work started	The Government has communicated to the European Commission its views on the importance of cross-border retail sales. The Government is pushing the EU to create a digital single market, including by establishing easy and effective mechanisms for resolving consumer disputes, e.g. alternative dispute resolution (ADR).
114	Construction	The Government will publish the UK's long term forward view of projects and programmes in the autumn as part of the National Infrastructure Plan 2011.	Complete	An updated National Infrastructure Plan 2011 was published on 29 November 2011.
115	Construction	The Government will publish quarterly from autumn 2011 a rolling two year	Complete	The Government published interim data in July 2011, and published an enhanced and improved list of projects on 29 November 2011. The

		forward programme of infrastructure and construction projects where public funding has been agreed.		Government will continue to publish quarterly a rolling two year forward programme.
116	Construction	The Government will reform the way in which it procures public sector construction and infrastructure to reduce costs by up to 20 per cent. This will include measures to encourage standardisation rather than bespoke designs, setting clear criteria for asset performance and introducing new models of procurement.	Progress made	In May 2011 the Government published the Construction Strategy, setting out how to procure public sector construction and infrastructure to reduce costs. This set out a programme of work to March 2013.
117	Construction	The Government will provide equity loans, jointly funded with house-builders, through a FirstBuy programme assisting over 10,000 first time buyers to purchase a new-build property.	Progress made	The Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) has published details of over 117 house builders who, subject to contract, have been allocated funding to deliver almost 10,500 homes with FirstBuy equity loans by Spring 2013. Priority is being given to serving armed forces personnel (alongside existing social tenants). The first homes became available in September 2011.
118	Construction	The Government will accelerate the release of public sector land to encourage new homes and jobs.	Progress made	In June 2011, the HCA published its development and land disposal strategy setting out how it would accelerate its land disposal, summarising its landholdings and explaining the principles for making disposal decisions. On 5 October 2011, the four major land holding departments (MoD, DH, Defra & DfT) published their land release strategies. Alongside these strategies, the Government published a report on how it will continue to support and facilitate the accelerated release of public land. The Government's ambition is to release enough public land for up to 100,000 homes over the next four years, thereby supporting up to 200,000 construction and related jobs.
119	Construction	The Government will strengthen demand for residential property by reforming the stamp duty land tax rules applied to bulk purchases.	Complete	The reform of stamp duty land tax rules was introduced in Finance Act 2011.
120	Construction	The Government will introduce a range of measures to remove barriers to entry for new Real Estate Investment Trusts.	Progress made	The Government has consulted informally on measures that were announced at Budget 2011, and the outcome will be reflected in the draft Finance Bill 2012. There will be further consultation on technical elements of the draft legislation.

121	Construction	The Government will review construction standards and codes, to take out redundancy and duplication where the costs outweigh the benefits.	Progress made	An industry-led group has been established to review infrastructure standards. Construction and Property will feature as themes in the Red Tape Challenge at the end of 2011.
122	Construction	The Government is announcing the regulatory requirements for zero carbon homes, to apply from 2016. To ensure that it remains viable to build new houses, the Government will hold house builders accountable only for those carbon dioxide emissions that are covered by Building Regulations, and will provide cost-effective means through which they can do this.	Progress made	The Government published a technical statement on 17 May 2011, setting out that from 2016 every new home coming through the planning system will be required to be zero carbon. This will mean a 100 per cent reduction in all carbon emissions covered by the Building Regulations, while minimising costs to the housing industry. The Government is currently reviewing Building Regulations, looking at opportunities to make further improvements consistent with deregulatory aims. The Government will consult on these changes.
123	Space	The Government will reform the Outer Space Act 1986 by introducing an upper limit on liability for UK operators.	Progress made	In July 2011, it was announced that minimum third-party insurance cover would be reduced to €60 million as a licence condition. The UK Space Agency plans to launch a public consultation on the Outer Space Act provisions by the end of 2011.
124	Space	The Government will work with the international regulatory authorities to define regulations for novel space vehicles that offer low cost access to space.	Progress made	The UK Space Agency has commissioned a report on the airworthiness and operational issues raised by space planes. It will host a conference on the regulation of space planes in January 2012, inviting industry and regulatory authorities to conclude how best to manage the regulatory and operational issues raised, thereby enabling further investment in the industry.
125	Space	The Government will provide UK industry with clearer guidance on the regulation of security aspects in export deals.	Complete	Guidelines to clarify space industry exports were published as a 'one stop' information note on the UK Space Agency website on 31 October 2011.
126	Space	The Government will work with Ofcom to ensure that British industry has full and fair access to the limited supply of satellite orbit slots.	Progress made	Ofcom will introduce potential new regulations at the World Radio Conference in spring 2012.
127	Space	The Government announces £10 million of funding to accelerate the development of the International Space Innovation Centre (ISIC).	Progress made	The joint National Space Technology Programme (NSTP) and Technology Strategy Board (TSB) call for collaborative Space research and development was launched on 31 October 2011 with £6 million from this fund and £2.5 million of additional funding from TSB. Successful applications for R&D funding will be announced between February and April 2012.

				A further £4 million from the NSTP will be invested through pathfinder, technology demonstration and horizon scanning R&D programmes, together with funding for research activities at the International Space Innovation Centre at Harwell.
128	Tourism	The Government is co-funding with the private sector a £100 million campaign aiming to attract visitors to the UK in the years following 2012.	Progress made	The 'GREAT' campaign and VisitBritain's 'You're Invited' campaign have been launched. They aim to attract 4.4 million extra visitors, spending an additional estimated £2.27 billion in the UK economy, over the next four years. The Government announced on 12 September 2011 £3 million to support a three year marketing campaign which will be delivered through VisitEngland to boost domestic tourism. This campaign, due to launch in 2012, is expected to deliver an estimated 12,000 new jobs and £500 million extra tourist spending, as part of the Government's Tourism Strategy .
129	Tourism	The Government is reducing regulation for businesses in the tourism industry by creating a task force of senior industry figures from across the UK, to identify opportunities to cut red tape.	Complete	The Tourism Regulation Task Force has been established and will report findings and recommendations in December 2011. Additionally, the Red Tape Challenge focused on the hospitality, food and drink sector from 10 May to 2 June 2011. Results were announced in September 2011 and the Government is now in the process of scrapping or revising over 60 regulations across the sector.
130	Tourism	The Government is making it easier for tourists to visit the UK. To do this the UK Border Agency (UKBA) will increase the number of visa biometric ID centres around the world, move to online visa processing, and publish application guidance in more languages.	Progress made	Visa application guidance was published in six languages in April 2011. A new online visa application process will start being introduced from December 2011. The UK Border Agency aims to ensure than 90 per cent of visa applications will be made online by the end of 2012.
131	Tourism	The Government is working with People 1st, the National Skills Academy for Hospitality, and the industry, to increase the number of apprenticeships and other courses teaching hospitality skills so that consistently higher standards are delivered.	Progress made	People 1st were awarded £1.7 million from the Growth Investment Fund in October 2011 to broker 500 new apprenticeships places and help 15,000 unemployed people to find work.
132	Tourism	The Government is modifying Tourist Boards to become smaller, highly focused, industry-led partnerships between tourism firms and government.	Progress made	VisitEngland is working with local tourism bodies and businesses to develop stronger private sector leadership. They have established a transitional task team to help support and advise Destination Management Organisations through this process, and are engaging

				with Local Enterprise Partnerships. VisitEngland was awarded funding from the Regional Growth Fund in November 2011.
133	Tourism	The Government is helping the industry prepare for changes in technology, so tourism information can be provided through smartphone apps, as well as through traditional leaflets and websites.	Progress made	VisitEngland and the tourism industry launched a plan for modernising visitor information in June 2011.
134	Tourism	The Government is giving the industry and consumers responsibility for hotel 'star rating' quality schemes.	Progress made	VisitEngland are assessing future arrangements for the quality schemes from April 2012.
135	Tourism	The Government is helping create tourist destinations that match London and maximise the potential of other parts of Britain.	Progress made	VisitEngland's 10-year strategic framework for tourism sets out how the industry can work together to deliver five per cent growth in value, year-on-year, over the next decade. They will increase understanding among decision makers and stakeholders of the economic, social and environmental value of effective destination management, increase the number of areas implementing co-ordinated and focused destination management, with the aim of improving the performance of local visitor economies and generating wider local benefits. VisitBritain's new international campaign will promote all of Britain, not just London.
136	Tourism	The Government is consulting on whether to move the first bank holiday in May.	Progress made	The Government conducted a pre-consultation exercise during May and June 2011. Ministers are considering responses and an announcement will be made shortly.
137	Tourism	The Government is delivering on the pledge to maintain and reform Furnished Holiday Lettings (FHL) reliefs.	Complete	This was introduced in the Finance Act 2011.