

Political Reform Structural Reform Plan Monthly Implementation Update	July 2010
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(1) Actions due to be completed by end of July 2010

Action	Status
Establish a committee to bring forward draft legislative proposals for a wholly or mainly elected upper chamber on the basis of proportional representation	Complete
Present proposals to the House of Commons for the implementation of major recommendations of the Wright Committee, including Backbench Business Committee	Complete
New Backbench Business Committee established	Complete
All work on ID cards and other identified projects stopped	Complete
Publish the Senior Salaries Review Board's (SSRB) report on MPs' pensions	Complete
Introduce legislation to enable a referendum on the Alternative Vote on 5 May 2011, with provision for introduction of AV in the event of a 'yes' vote and creation of fewer, more equal-sized constituencies	Complete
Implement the system whereby proposed new criminal offences have to be considered and approved by the SoS for Justice, with recourse to the relevant Cabinet Committee, to help prevent unnecessary criminal offences	Complete

(2) Actions due to be started by end July 2010

Action	Status
Review section 141 of the Mental Health Act 1983 (end Nov 2012)	Work started
Identify and implement first tranche of measures to cut the 'perks and bureaucracy' of Parliament (end Mar 2011)	Work started
Prepare for and oversee a referendum on further Welsh devolution (end by end Mar 2011)	Work started
Review the control and use of accumulated and future revenues from the Fossil Fuel Levy in Scotland (end Nov 2011)	Work started
Develop options to give neighbourhoods and local authorities the powers and freedoms to lead economic growth and regeneration (including through the Regional Growth Fund) as part of the Spending Review (end Oct 2010)	Work started
Publish all local authority performance data held by central government (end Dec 2010)	Work started
Take Identity Documents Bill through parliament to scrap ID cards and the National Identity Register and halt work on having fingerprints on passports (end Dec 2010)	Work started
Develop options for reform of libel laws to protect freedom of speech (end Mar 2011)	Work started



Review counter-terrorism legislation, including Control Orders, and the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA), and publish proposals for the storage of internet and e-mail records, including introducing legislation if necessary (end Nov 2010)	Work started
Implement Freedom Bill to adopt the protections of the Scottish model for the DNA database, outlaw fingerprinting of children at school without parental permission, further regulate CCTV, restore rights to non-violent protest, and consider additional areas in response to ideas from Your Freedom website (end Nov 2011)	Work started
Set the date of the next general election as 7 May 2015, and legislate to make provision for fixed-term Parliaments of 5 years (end Jul 2011)	Work started

(3) Explanation of missed deadlines

As of July 2010, the Department has not missed any deadlines in its Structural Reform Plan.

