



Plan for Growth Implementation Update

Workstream	Action	Status	Detail
Planning	The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government will make a Written Ministerial Statement on 23 March 2011, setting clear expectations that local planning authorities and other bodies involved in granting development consents should prioritise growth and jobs.	Complete	Issued on 24 March 2011
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	Draft published in June 2011. Will introduce through NPPF
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	Consultation launched in July 2011. Due to published by end 2011
Planning	The Government will enable businesses to bring forward neighbourhood plans and neighbourhood development orders.	Progress made	Localism Bill timetable
Planning	The Government will pilot a land auctions model, starting with public sector land.	Work started	Working through legal and technical details with intention to trial
Planning	The Government will localise choice about the use of previously developed land, removing nationally imposed targets.	Complete	Included in draft NPPF
Planning	The Government will consult on proposals to make it easier to convert commercial premises to residential.	Complete	Consultation concluded in June 2011; Government considering response
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	Planning guarantee update provided in July 2011. Wider update and consultation due in Autumn 2011
Planning	The Government will ensure a fast-track planning process for major infrastructure applications through the Major Infrastructure Planning system.	Progress made	Energy NPS's designated July 2011

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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	Localism Bill timetable
Regulation	The Government will introduce a moratorium exempting micro and start-up businesses from new domestic regulation for three years from April 2011.	Progress made	Introduced in April 2011; report in Autumn 2011
Regulation	The Government will scrap proposals for specific regulations that would have cost businesses over £350 million a year to implement.	Progress made	Proposals scrapped in April 2011. Modern Workplaces Consultation launched in May
Regulation	The Government will launch an extensive public thematic review to reduce the existing stock of regulation.	Progress made	Red Tape Challenge launched in April 2011. Retail results conclude July 2011
Regulation	The Government will make further changes to employment legislation to reduce the costs to businesses of compliance.	Progress made	Employment Law Review plans and progress updates published
Regulation	The Government will implement proposals from Lord Young's Review of Health and Safety.	Progress made	New risk assessment tool launched. Health and safety guidance for schools published, reforms to No Win No Fee arrangements in Parliament
Regulation	The Government plans to move registration of the main business taxes online.	Work started	HMRC consulting on migrating business tax registration to online channels by 2013 as part of the Digital by Default agenda
Regulation	The Government will launch a major focus on revising burdensome EU regulations and directives.	Work started	Engagement with businesses, business organisations and other countries starting in Autumn 2011
Regulation	The Government will work with GSK, Balfour Beatty, Kingfisher and Tribeka Limited to find ways to improve European growth opportunities for UK businesses.	Progress made	Report to be published by end 2011
Regulation	The Government will push the Commission to deliver a culture change that bears down on the overall impact of EU legislation.	Progress made	Commission agreed to adopt UK approach exempting micro business from new regulation

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Regulation	The Government will improve online Business Link guidance on regulation.	Complete	Launched on businesslink.gov.uk
Regulation	The Government will publish an Enforcement White Paper in May 2011 with plans to improve enforcement of regulations.	Progress made	Green Paper and consultation launched in June
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	UKTI Strategy published May 2011
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	Continuing engagement with investors
Trade and Investment	UKTI will deliver a new package of support to help SMEs with an ambition to break into overseas markets.	Progress made	UKTI Strategy launched in May 2011
Trade and Investment	The Government will use the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and UKTI to provide UK businesses with local intelligence on high value projects overseas and intensive support to win these deals.	Progress made	High Value Opportunity list created
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.	Work started	Continuing engagement with business and influencing EU negotiations
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	Visits taking place, on-going work to co-ordinate visits better.
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	March 2011
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	March 2011
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 products: a bond support product, an export working capital product and a foreign exchange credit support scheme.	Complete	Bond support: March 2011 Export Working Capital: April 2011 Foreign Exchange: May 2011

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Trade and Investment	The Government is launching the Export Enterprise Finance Guarantee (ExEFG) and promoting its use to SMEs.	Complete	April 2011
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.	Work started	Discussed by Ministers
Access to finance	Significant reform of the Enterprise Investment Scheme and Venture Capital Trusts, subject to State Aid approval.	Progress made	Increase on income tax relief for EIS in Finance Act 2011. Remaining reforms to be included in Finance Bill 2012
Access to finance	An increase to £10 million of the lifetime limit on capital gains qualifying for Entrepreneurs' Relief.	Complete	Came into effect in April 2011
Access to finance	Re-notification of Community Investment Tax Relief to the EU Commission.	Work started	Informal consultation in Autumn 2011
Access to finance	The interim launch of the Big Society Bank.	Complete	Launched in May. First investment to be announced in July.
Access to finance	Reforms to the delivery of European Regional Development Funds (ERDF).	Progress made	Proposals for the ERDF 2014 - 2020 programme to be agreed later this year
Access to finance	A review of the UK's regulatory framework of covered bonds.	Progress made	Review published in April 2011. Response expected later this year
Competition	The Government will reform and further invigorate the UK's competition framework.	Progress made	Consultation closed June; next steps to be announced Oct 2011
Competition	The Government will promote greater transparency in transfer of undertaking (protection of employment) (TUPE) related liabilities.	Progress made	Announced review of TUPE in May 2011
Competition	The Government is publishing Shaping Competitive Markets in April 2011 to support procurement choices that encourage competition.	Progress made	Publication expected shortly

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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	Best Value Guidance consultation closed; re-drafted guidance to be published shortly
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	Published April 2011
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	Published April 2011
Corporate Governance	The Government will reduce the number of UK SMEs required to undertake an audit.	Work started	Consultation due Oct 2011
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 audit.	Work started	Continuing to promote to Commission and MEPs. Consultation due Oct 2011.
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	OFT agreed to investigate May 2011
Corporate Governance	The Government will materially simplify narrative reporting for quoted companies.	Work started	Consultation due Sept 2011
Corporate Governance	The Government will modernise the legislative framework governing mutuals.	Progress made	Legislative Reform Order laid before Parliament 19 July
Corporate Governance	The Government will improve the guidance on businesslink.gov.uk to support business and social enterprise start-ups.	Complete	Launched on businesslink.gov.uk
Low Carbon	To encourage investment in low-carbon power, the Government will introduce a carbon price floor for electricity generation from 1 April 2013.	Complete	Introduced in Finance Act 2011
Low Carbon	The Government will scrap the unnecessary plans for a new Carbon Capture and Storage levy.	Progress made	CCS levy was scrapped in the Spending Review Autumn 2010
Low Carbon	The Government will cap the cost of policies funded through energy bills.	Progress made	DECC levy-control framework published April 2011

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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	Update of design of Green Investment Bank published May 2011
Low Carbon	The Government is promoting development of new markets in green goods and services.	Work started	'Enabling the transition to a green economy' to be published Summer 2011
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	Applies to new investments from April 2011
Advanced Manufacturing	The Government will expand the University Technical Colleges (UTCs) programme, to establish at least 24 new colleges by 2014.	Progress made	Competitive selection of next round of UTC projects launched April 2011 – 37 applications received; Launch of first UTC in Black Country due Sept 2011
Advanced Manufacturing	The Government will launch a high value manufacturing Technology and Innovation Centre.	Progress made	Organisations to form HVM TIC announced March 2011
Advanced Manufacturing	The Government will fund nine new university-based centres for Innovative Manufacturing by 2012.	Complete	Centres launched March 2011
Advanced Manufacturing	The Government will fund a programme of new Manufacturing Fellowships.	Progress made	Call for applications announced March 2011
Advanced Manufacturing	The Government announces an accelerated launch of the new enhanced Manufacturing Advisory Service with an additional £7 million to deliver its services over the next three years.	Progress made	Invitation to tender to supply new Service issued 12 July 2011
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	Prospectus launched 22 July 2011
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	UKCES is scoping project plan. New Framework in 2012.
Advanced Manufacturing	The Government will strengthen its strategy for promoting STEM skills.	Work started	Tendering for provision of support underway – completion expected October 2011

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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.	Work started	Scoping study carried out and procurement of lead agency underway.
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	Work started	Work ongoing to secure funding and create prize rules. Launch expected Autumn 2011.
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. It will make future National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) funding to providers of NHS services conditional on meeting benchmarks, including a 70 day benchmark to recruit first patients for trials.	Progress made	NIHR Research Support Services Framework launched May 2011
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	Guidance on risk adapted approaches to managing clinical trials launched April 2011
Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will open up information about clinical trials to enable the public to get involved.	Progress made	NIHR UK Clinical Trials Gateway test site launched March 2011
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.	Work started	Work ongoing
Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will open up information on clinical research to promote collaboration and innovation.	Work started	Work ongoing
Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will consider opening up prescribing data.	Work started	Work ongoing
Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will form new Translational Research Partnerships from its £775 million investment in NIHR Biomedical Research Centres and Units.	Progress made	Competition for NIHR Biomedical Research Centres and Units launched Feb 2011 NIHR Office for Clinical Research Infrastructure (NOCRI) completed review of pilot Therapeutic Capability Clusters in inflammatory respiratory and joint and related inflammatory disease in June 2011

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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.	Work started	Engagements with stakeholders in progress
Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will launch a competition to form a Cell Therapy Technology and Innovation Centre.	Progress made	Competition launched. Centre to be operational April 2012.
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	Plan published in July 2011
Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will ensure that the Intellectual Property (IP) system supports life sciences businesses.	Progress made	Current consultation closes end July 2011. IP guide for universities published May 2011.
Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will take forward a range of measures to encourage innovation in NHS procurement.	Work started	Work ongoing
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.	Work started	Report to be published Nov 2011
Healthcare and Life Sciences	The Government will take forward a package of measures to improve the take up of assisted living technology.	Progress made	£23m Delivering Assisted Living Lifestyles at Scale (DALLAS) programme launched. Report to be published Nov 2011
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.	Work started	Map to help social care micro-enterprises will be published by end 2011
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.	Work started	Work ongoing

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Digital and Creative Industries	The Government will deliver a package to support the UK's broadband digital infrastructure.	Progress made	Plan for release of 5000MHz spectrum published March 2011; presumption in favour of sustainable development published in draft NPPF June 2011
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.	Work started	Response to Hargreaves report due to be published Aug 2011
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	Work on-going
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.	Work started	Due to publish Summer 2011
Digital and Creative Industries	The Government will substantially reduce the burden placed on business by the communications and media regulatory framework.	Progress made	Green Paper due Dec 2011
Digital and Creative Industries	The Government will reduce the requirements for live music to be licensed.	Progress made	Live Music Bill Lord's Committee stage held in July 2011. Next stage: House of Lords Report before going to Commons.
Digital and Creative Industries	The Government will reduce the proposed extension of legal deposit requirements to online publications	Progress made	Outcome of consultation published April 2011
Digital and Creative Industries	The Government will re-notify film tax relief to the European Commission.	Progress made	Awaiting response of re-notification from the Commission
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.	Work started	New Chair of BBC Trust so work on-going

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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.	Progress made	First meeting held Work ongoing
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.	Work started	Work ongoing
Digital and Creative Industries	The Government will improve the stock of skills in the digital and creative industries.	Progress made	Response to Livingstone Hope due to be published by Autumn 2011
Professional and Business Services	The Government will shortly publish guidance to help commercial organisations understand the Bribery Act 2010 better.	Complete	Published March 2011
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	Consultation opened April 2011
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	UK Border Agency announced single point of contact
Professional and Business Services	The Ministry of Justice and UKTI will work with the sector to promote the UK's worldleading business arbitration and commercial law services.	Progress made	MoJ working with industry to champion the UK as a global centre of legal excellence
Professional and Business Services	The Government will pursue improved access to new markets outside the EU.	Progress made	UKTI published new strategy "Britain Open for Business" July 2011
Professional and Business Services	The Government will press the European Commission and other EU member states to implement the Services Directive in full.	Work started	Working with EU to radically improve free movement of services
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	Chairman (Jeremy Anderson) and board have been established

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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	Michael Snyder wrote to Chancellor June 2011
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	Office of Cyber Security and Information Assurance (OCSIA) to publish Cyber Security strategy Sept 2011
Professional and Business Services	The Government will cut down the administrative burdens of complying with business regulation.	Progress made	Consultation on White Paper opened May 2011
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.	Started	Engaging with professions, businesses and market participants
Retail	The Government will extend the current small business rate relief holiday for one year from 1 October 2011.	Complete	Statutory Instrument laid before parliament 7 July, comes into force 3 August 2011
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	Remit agreed and published for 2012 LPC report, June 2011
Retail	The Government will introduce a package of measures to support thriving town centres and build on the Town Centre First policy.	Progress made	Mary Portas review to report by end 2011. Town centre first policy included in NPPF
Retail	The Government will expand the Primary Authority model to apply consistent enforcement standards across a wider range of regulations and businesses.	Progress made	Current consultation closes September 2011
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.	Work started	Pilot to report Autumn 2011
Retail	The Government will implement a regulatory reform package to simplify complex and inconsistent age-restricted sales regulations and licences for businesses.	Progress made	Part of Red Tape Challenge Retail Review: report to be published imminently

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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	Agreed plan with Retail Sector. First progress report due August 2011
Retail	The Government will work to remove regulatory barriers to increased cross-border online retail.	Work started	EU communication on changes to the e-commerce directive to remove barriers to be published Autumn 2011
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.	Progress made	Publication due Autumn 2011
Construction	The Government will publish quarterly from autumn 2011 a rolling two year forward programme of infrastructure and construction projects where public funding has been agreed.	Progress made	Interim data published July. Publication of first list of projects Autumn 2011
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	Strategy published in May. Major industry conference July.
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	Proposals in May from house-builders who will co-fund the equity loan.
Construction	The Government will accelerate the release of public sector land to encourage new homes and jobs.	Progress made	Programme announced in June. Departments to publish land disposal strategies Autumn 2011
Construction	The Government will strengthen demand for residential property by reforming the stamp duty land tax rules applied to bulk purchases.	Complete	Introduced in Finance Act 2011
Construction	The Government will introduce a range of measures to remove barriers to entry for new Real Estate Investment Trusts.	Progress made	Informal consultation closed June 2011. Draft legislation to be published in Autumn

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Construction	The Government will review construction standards and codes, to take out redundancy and duplication where the costs outweigh the benefits.	Progress made	ICE leading an Industry group. Review underway of links to Red Tape Challenge and housing standards.
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 housebuilders 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	Regulatory Requirement announced March. Zero Carbon Homes Technical statement published 17 May 2011
Space	The Government will reform the Outer Space Act 1986 by introducing an upper limit on liability for UK operators.	Progress made	Minimum third-party insurance cover reduced to Euro60m as a licence condition announced July 2011. Consultation on an upper limit to third party liability to be launched Autumn 2011
Space	The Government will work with the international regulatory authorities to define regulations for novel space vehicles that offer low cost access to space.	Work started	UK Space Agency engaging with the European Aviation Safety Agency on regulations for future space planes and space tourism operations
Space	The Government will provide UK industry with clearer guidance on the regulation of security aspects in export deals.	Work started	Proposal to publish clarified export licensing guidance for satellites and space data on the UK Space Agency website - Autumn 2011
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

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Space	The Government announces £10 million of funding to accelerate the development of the International	Progress made	R&D call for Space, including actions to accelerate the development of ISIC to be launched in Autumn 2011.
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	VisitBritain has reached its funding ceiling with commercial partners for year one of the campaign; Global Consumer launch and full roll out of the campaign due in Sept 2011
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	Tourism Regulation Task Force met for the first time in June. Report to DCMS Ministers with their findings and recommendations in Dec 2011
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	UKBA aim to make more than 90% of visa applications on-line by end of 2012. Application guidance was published in 6 key languages in June.
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 bid to Growth Investment Fund being considered over summer 2011
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.
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 industry launched a plan for modernising visitor information in June 2011

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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
Tourism	The Government is helping create tourist destinations that match London and maximise the potential of other parts of Britain.	Progress made	VisitEngland have launched an England strategy framework and established a Destinations Management Organisations Forum
Tourism	The Government is consulting on whether to move the first bank holiday in May.	Progress made	Pre-consultation exercise undertaken in May/June
Tourism	The Government is delivering on the pledge to maintain and reform Furnished Holiday Lettings (FHL) reliefs.	Complete	Introduced in Finance Act 2011

Other growth related measures announced at Budget 2011

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Budget 2011	The Government will introduce 21 new Enterprise Zones across the Local Enterprise Partnership areas of England.	Complete	4 further wave 1 sites announced in July 2011; Wave 2 winners to be announced in coming weeks
Budget 2011	The Government will reduce the main rate of corporation tax by a further one per cent. From April 2011, the rate will be reduced from 28 per cent to 26 per cent	Complete	Introduced at Finance Act 2011
Budget 2011	Further increase incentives to work, by increasing the income tax personal allowance to £8,105 in 2012-13, and by further real terms increases in subsequent years towards the goal of a £10,000 personal allowance	Progress made	2011/12 personal allowance to be introduced in Finance Bill 2012
Budget 2011	Reforming the Controlled Foreign Company rules that include applying a competitive 5.75 per cent rate on overseas financing income to encourage new businesses to be based in the UK and allow groups that are based here to compete more effectively with those overseas.	Progress Made	Interim improvements introduced in Finance Act 2011; Consultation published June 2011

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Budget 2011	Introducing an opt-in exemption from corporation tax on the profits of foreign branches.	Complete	Introduced at Finance Act 2011
Budget 2011	Consult this year on options to integrate the operation of income tax and National Insurance to remove distortions, reduce burdens on business and improve fairness;	Progress made	Call for evidence issued July 2011; consultation due in Autumn 2011
Budget 2011	Abolish 43 tax reliefs whose rationale is no longer valid, following the recommendations of the Office of Tax Simplification and ongoing work by HM Revenue and Customs.	Progress made	Current consultation closes August 2011
Budget 2011	Increase the SME rate of R&D tax credits from 175% to 200% in 2011 and 225% in 2012. Removing minimum spend requirement and PAYE/NICs cap.	Progress made	State Aid approval for increases in SME rate achieved. 2011 changes introduced in Finance Act 2011. Consultation on further simplification and case for moving to credit against tax ends in Sept 2011
Budget 2011	Committed to introducing a Patent Box in 2013, which will give a reduced 10 per cent corporation tax rate on profits from patents. This will encourage companies to locate the high-value jobs and activity associated with the development, manufacture and exploitation of patents in the UK	Progress made	Consultation published June 2011
Budget 2011	Consulting on reforms to simplify and refocus the Enterprise Investment Scheme and Venture Capital Trusts, and to bring forward additional support for seed investment (subject to State aid approval).	Progress made	Consultation launched in July. Legislation of proposed changes to be included in Finance Bill 2012