

<b>Political Reform</b> <b>Structural Reform Plan Monthly Implementation Update</b>	<b>October 2010</b>
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**(1) Actions due to be completed in October 2010**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
Draft and publish government paper examining potential mechanisms for changing the corporation tax rate in Northern Ireland, as part of bringing Northern Ireland back into the mainstream of UK politics (HMT/NIO lead)	Not complete
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 (CLG lead)	Complete

**(2) Actions due to be started by end of October 2010**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
Design and implement a new approach with fewer reporting burdens on local government and greater transparency for local people (end Apr 2011) (CLG)	Work started
In light of the SSRB report and Lord Hutton's subsequent recommendations, publish proposals for cost-saving changes to MPs' pensions (end Apr 2011)	Work ongoing
Review the operation of the Extradition Act and the US/UK extradition treaty (end Sep 2011)	Work ongoing
Review section 141 of the Mental Health Act 1983 (end Nov 2012)	Work ongoing
Identify and implement first tranche of measures to cut the 'perks and bureaucracy' of Parliament (end Mar 2011)	Work ongoing
Prepare for and oversee a referendum on further Welsh devolution (end by end Mar 2011)	Work ongoing
Review the control and use of accumulated and future revenues from the Fossil Fuel Levy in Scotland (end Nov 2011)	Work ongoing
Publish all local authority performance data held by central government (end Dec 2010)	Work ongoing
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 ongoing
Develop options for reform of libel laws to protect freedom of speech (end Mar 2011)	Work ongoing
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 ongoing
Implement Freedom Bill to adopt the protections of the Scottish model for the DNA database, outlaw fingerprinting of children at school without parental	Work ongoing



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)	
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 ongoing

**(2) Explanation of missed deadlines**

In October 2010, the Department missed the following deadlines:

<b>Deadline missed</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Draft and publish government paper examining potential mechanisms for changing the corporation tax rate in Northern Ireland, as part of bringing Northern Ireland back into the mainstream of UK politics (HMT/NIO lead)	Work continues on drafting this government paper. We expect this to be published later in the Autumn.

