Call for Submissions

The Business Regulation Forum

The Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Mr. Micheál Martin, T.D., has established the Business Regulation Forum to examine regulatory issues as they impact on business and competitiveness.

Note that 'regulation' includes any laws or other government 'rules' that influence or control the way people and businesses behave.

The Forum is inviting views, comments or submissions from individual consumers, companies, organisations and interest groups concerning which regulations they feel could be improved upon. Comments and evidence on the extent of regulation, the burden it imposes on business, and the effects of that burden, are sought. What areas of regulation impose the largest avoidable and unnecessary burden on business?

The following may provide a useful guide as to areas of interest to the Forum:

- Specific areas of regulation that are unnecessarily burdensome or complex, or that duplicate other regulations, or that restrict competition or market entry;
- Areas in which regulation should be removed or significantly reduced as a matter of priority;
- Non-regulatory options for achieving desired outcomes and how best to reduce duplication and increase harmonisation within existing regulatory frameworks;
- Practical options for alleviating the 'red tape' burden on business, including small business.

A detailed background note is available either directly from the Secretariat of the Business Regulation Forum (see below for details) or at **www.businessregulation.ie**. Submissions should be sent to **info@businessregulation.ie** or to the postal address below. Please send your submission by 5.00 pm on Friday 26th of May 2006.

As a general principle, submissions will be subject to the FOI act and, as such, will be publicly available on the BRF website.

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