

Reviews of RIA in the UK

	<i>ex ante</i>	<i>ex post</i> (internal)	<i>ex post</i> (external)
Individual RIAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departmental RIUs, • Cabinet Office RIU, • Panel for Regulatory Accountability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • individual RIAs have review commitments, • Some systematic departmental review e.g. Inland Revenue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Audit Office (NAO) annual review of and report on a sample of RIAs • Parliamentary
RIA system design		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • revisions to guidance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAO 2001 report on RIA system, • NAO 2002 report on regulation of the network industries • Benchmarking in DBR reports (Athens 2003, Dublin 2004), and OECD
RIA system operation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Office RIU on compliance rates, • Cabinet Office and Departmental RIU on quality • Treasury on regulatory targets in Public Service Agreements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRTF scrutiny of departments' annual regulatory reporting and performance • Parliamentary, e.g. Environment Audit Committee • external commentators
Real world impacts of regulations or regulatory system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel for Regulatory Accountability (departmental proposals) • Consultation, SBS panels 	<i>thematic reviews:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inspection and enforcement • rural policy • employment regulations • tax compliance costs • risk management • <i>sectoral compliance cost reviews</i> • e.g. surface engineering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • annual productivity indicators (OECD product market index; time and cost of start-ups) • Low Pay Commission annual review • SBS annual survey of small business • SBS biennial survey of entrepreneurship • other business surveys • international surveys – World Bank etc

Notes: 1) The boundaries are often not clear-cut – some reviews cover aspects of both individual RIAs and the RIA system, or both system design and operation.

2) The table reports only the principal reviews related to RIAs – i.e. reviews of regulation rather than policy reviews. There are other reviews of regulatory simplification and of consultation.

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