

Department for Environment and Rural Affairs Structural Reform Plan Monthly Implementation Update	August 2010
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(1) Actions due to be completed in August 2010

Action	Status
Assess proposals from the Taylor review on scientific research in agriculture	Complete

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

Action	Status
Use voluntary approach to encourage food retailers and producers to provide more detail on the origins of their produce (end Dec 2010)	Work ongoing
Develop affordable measures of support for hill farmers and affordable options for a carefully-managed and science-led policy of badger control in areas of high and persistent levels of bovine TB (end Dec 2011)	Work ongoing
Conduct review of the Animal Welfare Act (end Dec 2010)	Work ongoing
Implement the findings of the Pitt Review to improve our flood defences and prevent unnecessary buildings in areas of high flood risk (end May 2015)	Work ongoing
Agree Marine Policy Statement and publish first draft cut of Marine Conservation Zones (end Apr 2011)	Work ongoing
Agree goals for 2014/2020 and set the path towards a 'zero waste' economy through review of waste policies (end Apr 2011)	Work ongoing
Work with HMT and DECC to investigate options available to help those in remote rural areas with the cost of fuel (end Mar 2011)	Work ongoing
Review the governance arrangements of National Parks (end Dec 2010)	Work ongoing
Create a new designation with CLG to protect green areas of particular importance to local communities, modelled on Sites of Special Scientific Interest (end Dec 2012)	Work ongoing
Assess the scope for actions to offset the impact of development on biodiversity (end Apr 2011)	Work ongoing
Explore voluntary responsibility deal on waste among businesses (end Apr 2011)	Work ongoing
Repeal Climate Change Act powers for household charging (end Nov 2011)	Work ongoing
Review current targets on waste reduction in government buildings (end Nov 2011)	Work ongoing
Revise guidance on Impact Assessments, the Green Book and other policy appraisal guidance to take account of sustainability and the value of nature (end Jul 2011)	Work ongoing
Work with DCMS to deliver universal broadband at speeds of 2mbps and stimulate private sector investment to deliver the best superfast broadband network in Europe by 2015 (end May 2015)	Work ongoing

(3) Explanation of missed deadlines

In August 2010, Defra did not miss any deadlines in its Structural Reform Plan.