Reduction of Administrative Burdens

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ADMIN. BURDENS FOR SMEs

SMEs understand the purpose of regulation
Admin. Burden falls most heavily on SMEs
Especially Micro Firms
Costs of change / Cost of compliance
Impact on productivity
Domestic or international competition

Measured using the Standard Cost Model
Across the EU – what does this mean?
Done in haste – why?
15 Major Deregulatory Initiatives since 1987!
25% net targets not based on the desired or achievable level of reductions (NAO 2007);
The most burdensome or most irritating?
Why only administrative burdens?
Businesses may not notice the impact?
Regulatory Budgets?
Impact on Productivity?

Source: http://www.nao.org.uk/publications/nao_reports/06-7/0607615es.htm
THE ROLE OF SMPs

Intimate Knowledge of Client’s Business

Important Advisers on Regulation

For Complex Regulations / Small Firms – Accountants Are Cost Effective

SMPs Need Referral Networks

Client Satisfaction Levels Very High

Regulators should work with SMP’s

Source:

http://www.accaglobal.com/publicinterest/activities/research/reports/smallbusiness_research/rr-096
5 key drivers of external advice costs:

Volume and complexity of regulation

Low awareness of existing government guidance

Changes to regulation

Quality of government guidance

Uncertainty, risk and lack of confidence

Changes to regulation a major concern to SMEs

Some Recent Papers on Admin. Burdens


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