

LIFTING THE BURDEN

This is not the best White Paper ever produced, but your comments have been incorporated and the Paper now seems broadly acceptable. Points worth nothing are:

Page 3: The chart shows that the amount of legislation, particularly secondary legislation, is now increasing.

Some rooming for deregulation - this also will accompany up regulation for monopoly structure

Page 12: The consumer law proposals lock the Government firmly into introducing two new Bills.

Page 13: MAFF's proposals are weak (see also pp.47 and 69). The press may say they are "cock and bull", as virtually all MAFF are doing is abolishing the licensing of stallions and freeing the trade in cattle semen. Better to remove all mention of MAFF.

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Page 49: The text says the proposals "would reduce para administrative burden on the Fire Service". Our 5.34 fear is that this may be exactly what it achieves, and at the expense of an increase in burdens on the businessman.

Page 61: The central deregulation task force's remit seems para sensible, but the Home Secretary may (wrongly) want to exclude not just the policy decisions on public safety etc, but also review of the administration and implementation of such policies.

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Conclusion

Subject to the comments outlined above, we believe the White Paper should now be published.

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