

*These notes refer to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005
(c.4) which received Royal Assent on 24 March 2005*

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ACT 2005

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COST TO BUSINESS AND REGULATORY IMPACT

397. The only provision in the Act which will result in a slight increase in cost to business, charities or the voluntary sector are those in respect of the Supreme Court. The Regulatory Impact Assessments will be placed in the Library of the House and on the Department's website as accompanying documentation.

Supreme Court

398. The Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) on the Supreme Court considers that there is a negligible impact on small businesses, charities and the voluntary sector. It further considers that there will be a limited impact on public and private expenditure as the majority of the costs will be defrayed across the wider civil jurisdictions from which cases come from.
399. The RIA considers options instead of statute to create the United Kingdom Supreme Court and concludes that primary legislation is the only viable way to transfer the necessary jurisdictions.