

BETTER REGULATION FOR BUSINESS WORKSHOP 4TH March 2010

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What the Council is

- Private sector led, sub regional economic partnership
- 70+ constituent national, regional and local organisations includes F.S.B., C.B.I. I.O.D. Manufacturing groups, Chambers of commerce
- Representing some 40,000 businesses
- Funded by key private sector companies in the region

Five Strategic Issues

- Arterial Transport
- Entrepreneurship and Aspirational culture
- Regional Spatial Planning
- Promoting Sustainable Investment
- Skills Productivity and Education

Small Business Stats

- Small Business are 99% of UK Private sector
- 37.2 % of Turnover
- 97% employ less than 12 persons
- But provide 60% of G.D..P.
- 500,000 start up every year

Biggest worries

- Financial stability 48%
- Finding customers 24%
- Being consumed by work 12%
- Rising costs 70%
- Finance tax and Vat 42%
- Legislation and Red Tape 41%

BT state of the nation survey February 2009

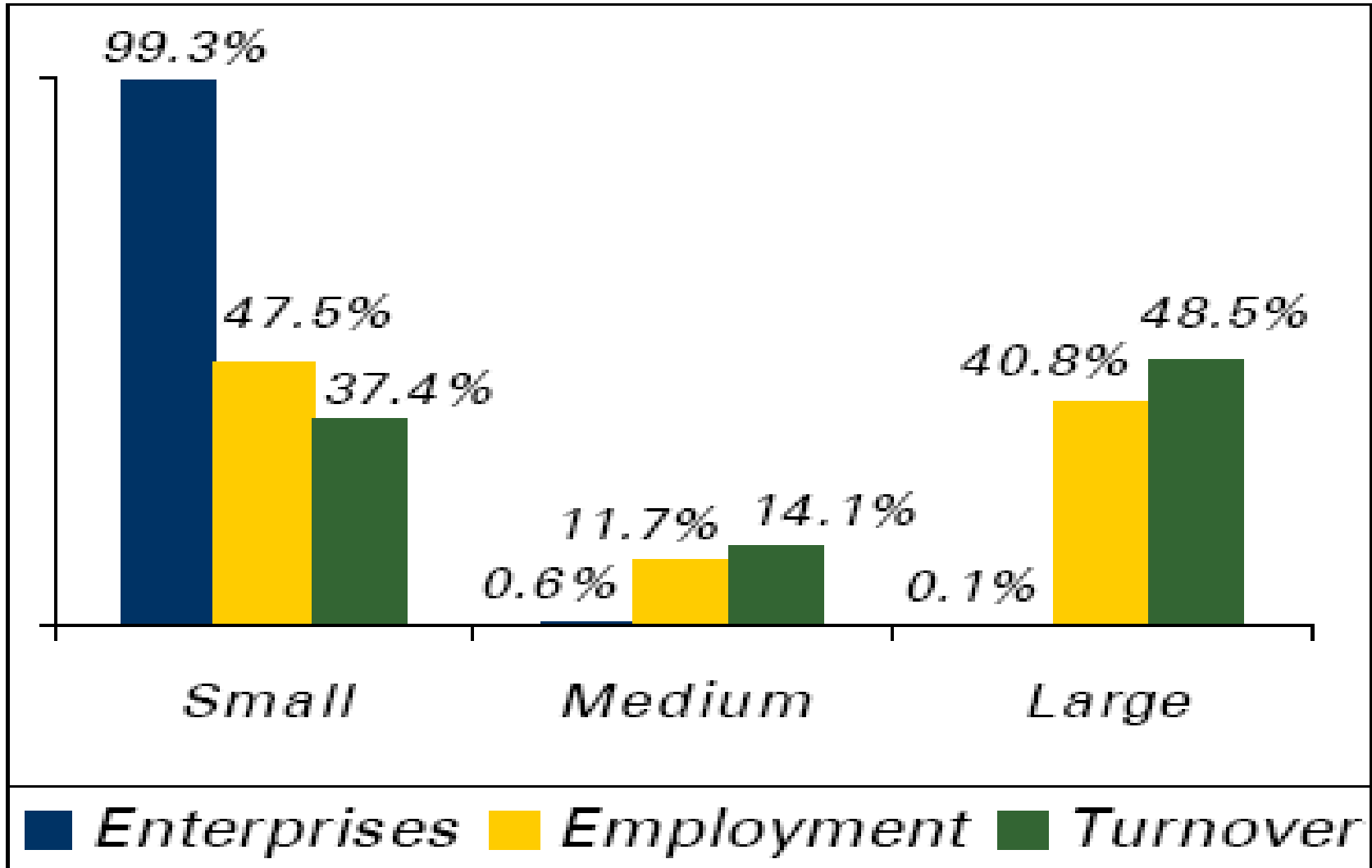
Table 1: The basic facts about SMEs and large enterprises, in Europe-19, 2000

		SME	Large	Total
Number of enterprises	(1 000)	20 415	40	20 455
Employment	(1 000)	80 790	40 960	121 750
Occupied people per enterprise		4	1 020	6
Turnover per enterprise	Million	0.6	255.0	1.1
Share of exports in turnover	%	13	21	17
Value added per occupied person	1 000	65	115	80
Share of labour costs in value added	%	63	49	56

Source: Estimated by EIM Business & Policy Research; estimates based on Eurostat's SME Database. Also based on European Economy, Supplement A, June 2001 and OECD: Economic Outlook, No. 65, June 2001.

UK *Skewed Distribution*

ex DTI, 2007 figures (private sector firms)



EC Small Business Act – “*think small first*”

1. Create an environment in which entrepreneurs and family businesses can thrive and entrepreneurship is rewarded
2. Ensure that honest entrepreneurs who have faced bankruptcy quickly get a second chance
3. Design rules according to the “Think Small First” principle
4. Make public administrations responsive to SMEs’ needs
5. Adapt public policy tools to SME needs: facilitate SMEs’ participation in public procurement and better use State Aid possibilities for SMEs
6. Facilitate SMEs’ access to finance and develop a legal and business environment supportive to timely payments in commercial transactions
7. Help SMEs to benefit more from the opportunities offered by the Single Market
8. Promote the upgrading of skills in SMEs and all forms of innovation
9. Enable SMEs to turn environmental challenges into opportunities
10. Encourage and support SMEs to benefit from the growth of markets

- Cost of regulation on British business rises to **£77 billion**
- 27/03/09 | 00:01
- The British Chambers of Commerce has today released its 2009 Burdens Barometer - the first time it has been published during a recession.
- The Barometer shows that the cumulative cost to business of new regulation since 1998 has risen to £76.81 billion. This is a jump of over £10 billion from last year.
- There is a positive note to this year's Barometer with 18 regulations since 1998 now producing a total saving for business worth £1.4 billion. This is evidence that the government's better regulation agenda is beginning to do its job. However, considering the current financial pressures on many firms, much more needs to be done to immediately reduce the overall burden.
- With business cash-flow being severely squeezed and many good firms going bust, the uncomfortable truth is that despite three Acts of Parliament designed to reduce the regulatory impact, the steady increase continues.
- In 2007/08, companies were hit with 19 new regulations costing them £1.75 billion.
- The two most burdensome regulations in the Barometer are:
 - Working Time Regulations 1999. To date this has cost business £17.8 billion with a recurring annual cost of £1.8 billion.
 - Vehicle Excise Duty (Reduced Pollution) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (EU Pollution Directive 98/69/EC). To date this has cost business £10.4 billion with a recurring cost of £1.2 billion.
- www.britishchambers.org.uk

- Although regulations can come into force throughout the year, a number of key government departments issue all their changes twice a year, on 6 April and 1 October. To read a summary of regulations expected to come into force around 6 April 2009, see our [common commencement date summary page](#).
- Taxes, returns & payroll
 - 1 April 2009 [Changes to business rates and empty property rate relief](#)
 - 6 April 2009 [Income tax and NIC rates for 2009-10](#)
 - 6 April 2009 [Increase in payment on account threshold for income tax self-assessment](#)
- Employing people
 - 1 April 2009 [Reminder: increasing the statutory minimum paid leave entitlement](#)
 - 6 April 2009 [Extending the right to request flexible working patterns](#)
 - 6 April 2009 [Changes in handling disciplinary actions and dismissal](#)
 - 6 April 2009 [Strengthening enforcement of national minimum wage law](#)
 - 6 April 2009 [Changes in handling grievances in the workplace](#)
 - 6 April 2009 [Increased enforcement powers of employment agency standards inspectors](#)
- Health, safety, premises
 - 6 April 2009 [New Primary Authority partnership option](#)
 - 6 April 2009 [Removing the requirement to register factory, shop and office premises with the health and safety authority](#)
- Environment & efficiency
 - 6 April 2009 [Managing hazardous waste](#)
- Exploit your ideas
 - 6 April 2009 [New address for service options for patents, trade marks and registered designs](#)
- Sale11 April 2009 Sales and marketing
 - [the limitations on selling many pre-packaged goods in prescribed size packaging](#)
- More

- International trade
- 27 March 2009 [Authorising aquaculture production and related businesses and registering others](#)
- 6 April 2009 [New fees for CITES licences](#) 6 April 2009 [CHIP 4: a change in title to the regulations on classifying, packaging and labelling chemicals](#)
- 6 April 2009 [Consolidating the export controls on military and dual-use controlled goods](#)
- 27 March 2009 [Authorising aquaculture production and related businesses and registering others](#)
- 30 March 2009 [Changes in wine-making requirements](#)
- 1 April 2009 [The new Gas Safe Register registration scheme for gas engineers](#)
- 1 April 2009 [Changes in Renewables Obligation for electricity suppliers](#)
- 4 April 2009 [New and consolidated rules on the safe use of ingredients in cosmetic products](#)
- 6 April 2009 [CHIP 4: a change in title to the regulations on classifying, packaging and labelling chemicals](#)
- 6 April 2009 [Changes in gangmaster licensing conditions and fees](#)
- 6 April 2009 [Increased enforcement powers of employment agency standards inspectors](#)
- 6 April 2009 [Changes in explosives regulation mechanisms and period of validity](#)
- 6 April 2009 [Reminder: changes in the contents of Home Information Packs](#)
- Business link updates

Govt Forward regulatory program

- Published Oct 2009
- Up to 2011
- Contains over 400 proposed bits of legislation which will have an impact on businesses
- 65 additional bits towards simplification

What does Business want from regulation and the regulators

- Clear consistent interpretation of the law
- Fair enforcement and guidance
- Fewer enforcers
- Fewer Visits
- Work with us not against us
- Work through intermediaries
- We all want the rouge traders caught and taken out
- More engagement at the creation stage

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