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Keep regulation and red tape to a minimum in Business Rates Appeals procedures

Response to Government Consultation.

A fair and uncomplicated process for small businesses needing to make an Appeal against their Business Premises assessment of Rateable Value is sought from the Government through the ODPM consultation. The regulations will be effective from next month. We welcome the cessation of time thresholds in which appeals had to be made in the past, as this encouraged appeals for appeals sake just to cover a possible future position through a lack of having sufficient facts within the timescale imposed.

However, concern has been expressed in the expectation of avoiding limiting the opportunity to appeal. This would be seen as obstructing on technical grounds small businesses from making a legitimate appeal at any time.

For consultative document Proposed Amendments to Existing Business Rates Appeals Regulations [click here](#).

For response to consultation [click here](#).

Please note that this document is only available to members of the Genesis Senate.

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