

# Statutory Instrument Practice

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## **JOINT COMMITTEE/SELECT COMMITTEE ON STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS – CHANGED REQUIREMENTS**

1. The Joint/Select Committees have decided that, for a trial period, they can reduce their demand for copies of Statutory Instruments and Explanatory Memoranda. Until further notice their requirements are now as follows:

### Draft Statutory Instruments for Affirmative Resolution

For instruments laid before both Houses the JCSI should be provided with 22 copies of each instrument plus the same number of copies of the Explanatory Memorandum.

For instruments which are laid before the House of Commons only the JCSI will require 15 copies of each instrument plus the same number of copies of the Explanatory Memorandum.

### For other Statutory Instruments

For instruments which are laid before both Houses or the House of Commons only then the JCSI or SCSI will require 10 copies of each instrument plus the same number of copies of the Explanatory Memorandum.

### Regulatory Impact Assessments (RIAs)

Departments should generally continue to include RIAs as an Annex to Explanatory Memorandum. Where departments have previously provided the JCSI/SCSI with separate copies of an RIA then this supply may now be discontinued.

2. Departments should consult the JCSI office as to the number of copies required of any other supporting documentation they propose to submit to the Committee.

3. All of these changes are dependent upon departments fulfilling their obligations to deliver Explanatory Memoranda with the appropriate Draft Statutory Instrument/ Statutory Instrument to the SI Registrar for publication.

4. Copies of all documents for the JCSI should now be delivered to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, Delegated Legislation Office, House of Commons, Room 261, 7 Millbank, London SW1P 3JA. Copies for the SCSI should also be sent to the same address.

5. Departments should note that these changes do not affect the supply of documents to the House of Lords Merits of Statutory Instruments Committee whose requirements remain unchanged.