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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Question:**

- 1) What is the implication for the policy measure if its Regulation Impact Statement is “not best practice”?
- 2) What is the implication for the policy measure’s implementation if its Regulation Impact Statement is “not best practice”?
- 3) What is the implication for the Government entity responsible for the policy measure if its Regulation Impact Statement is “not best practice”?

**Answer:**

- 1) It is an independent assessment made by the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) on the Regulation Impact Statement (RIS). The decision on the policy measure is a matter for the Government.
- 2) Once a decision has been made by the Government, implementation of the policy measure is a matter for the Government and the relevant agency.
- 3) It is a matter for the Government and the relevant Government entity.