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Question:

- a) What were the contents of the 2009 departmental circular regarding implementation of a 'one in, one out' approach to regulation?
- b) Did any agencies respond to this circular?
- c) What follow-up action was taken to ensure that agencies understood and enacted the 'one in, one out' policy?

Answer:

- a) The circular provided guidance on the 'one in, one out' principle and a range of other regulatory matters, including Better Regulation Ministerial Partnerships and the removal of redundant regulation.
- b) No direct response was required.
- c) Action taken included the following:
 - i. Changes were made to drafting guidance for Cabinet materials, including in regard to identification of regulatory offsets consistent with the 'one in, one out' principle.
 - ii. The 'one in, one out' principle was discussed at meetings with Best Practice Regulation Coordinators, who are appointed by each department and agency to champion sound regulatory management.
 - iii. Office of Best Practice Regulation training given to departments and agencies included advice concerning the 'one in, one out' principle.