

**OGP UK National Action Plan 2013-15
Commitment progress update**

Commitment title		
Legislation		
Lead department(s)	The National Archives	
Civil society organisation(s) involved in implementation to date	Involve, The Democratic Society	
Report date	30 June 2015	
Overall commitment status	In progress	
Overall progress against commitment		
<p>All new primary and secondary legislation is promptly published on legislation.gov.uk, through a secure system used by all government departments as well as by Parliament. Legislation data is available in the Crown Legislation Markup Language format through the legislation.gov.uk API and also to bulk download, under the terms of the Open Government Licence. The National Archives has also made legislation data available for bulk download in HTML5 and Akoma Ntoso formats. The availability of bulk downloads moved the UK's ranking from fourth to first, in the 2014 Global Open Data Index, for legislation.</p> <p>The National Archives has developed a words explorer tool and a simplified query language for the statute book. These tools enable new ways of searching and interrogating legislation. The National Archives has compiled a new dataset listing every piece of UK legislation there has ever been, using various sources to ensure accuracy. Over the next quarter we will be publishing this dataset as open data. We will also be completing our implementation of the new metadata standard developed for the European Legislation Identifier initiative.</p>		
Progress against milestones/activities		
1.	<p>The UK government has set the goal of applying all outstanding legislative effects by the end of 2015. Metrics for the timely release of information against the various legislation are already set and year on year progress can be measured through collection and amalgamation of the relevant data sources. Progress towards this is monitored as one of The National Archives' key performance indicators and reported on in its annual report to Parliament.</p>	On track
<p>The National Archives is working with partners to bring the revised legislation on legislation.gov.uk up to date by the end of 2015, including with the Welsh and Northern Ireland governments, Defra and the Department for Work and Pensions. Over the last quarter the team has completed work with the Commencement Orders, which bring other amendments into force. We now have a</p>		

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high quality, granular dataset about the commencement of legislation in the UK over the last 10 years. The team are now fully engaged in the final updating stage, which involves applying the textual amendments to the documents. Unlike the research and commencement stages the results of the updating work are visible on legislation.gov.uk. As part of this final stage, we are working with other parts of government. For example we held a special “update week” with participants from government departments, including Defra, and from the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel. We have also widened the number of editors revising the legislation, expanding the expert participation programme, for example to include students on a placement scheme.

Over the next quarter The National Archives will be improving the status messages on legislation.gov.uk to more clearly indicate when the current version on the website is the version of the text that is currently the law, with a new “green” message to show that is the case.

More information about this commitment and previous progress updates are available on the [OGP website](#).