

Edinburgh businesses encouraged to help cut the red tape

Edinburgh West MP Mike Crockart is encouraging businesses and voluntary groups across Edinburgh to participate in a review which will recommend how best to cut red tape and make it easier for small organisations to operate. He was responding to a call from Mark Prisk MP, Minister of State for Business, for small businesses and other groups to come forward and provide details of bureaucracy that they feel causes unnecessary burdens for them.

The coalition agreement included a range of measures designed to reduce bureaucracy, including a pledge to introduce a 'one in, one out' rule, under which no new regulation would be brought in without other regulation being cut by the same amount.

Commenting, Mike said:-“The coalition is doing all it can to support a private sector led recovery. For that to happen it is essential that Ministers should look again at the burden that they place on businesses and voluntary organisations.

‘Too often in the past, people starting their own companies have had to jump through hoops just to get their businesses off the ground. We need to be encouraging these entrepreneurs, helping them to create the jobs we need and not blocking their ideas with layers of excessive regulation.

‘Starting and running a small business or voluntary organisation is challenging enough without Government making life more difficult through unnecessary bureaucracy.

‘The coalition has made a commitment to cut red tape and make it easier for people to establish new businesses, voluntary

groups or charities. I would encourage anyone who has been frustrated by excessive bureaucracy in the past to report it this review.'