

Session IV

Leveraging RIA to make reform happen



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Topics to be covered:

- RIA as a system (process) and as a document
- RIA as an interactive process
- Partnership approach to RIA

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Key message:

- RIA helps government to decide *whether* to intervene and *how* to intervene

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RIA Core Structure:

- Title of Proposal
- Purpose and Intended Effect
- The Policy Problem
- Options
- Impacts
- Distribution of Impacts
- (Results of) Consultation
- Compliance
- Monitoring and Evaluation

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Purpose and intended effect:

- Describe clearly what the proposal is intended to do
- Be specific
- Include (measurable) targets
- Describe how the proposal contributes to govt's wider policy objectives
- Clear linkage to next section on policy problem

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The policy problem:

- What is the root cause of the problem? It is easy to confuse symptoms with problems e.g. ?
- What is the size (actual or potential) of the problem? (risk assessment)
- Quantifying the problem at this stage helps us to define an appropriate response (cost) and may help to correct public perceptions

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RIA is both:

- A systematic process for applying the principles of Regulatory Best Practice (RBP)
- A physical document that explains and justifies government intervention

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RIA is also important to the private sector and civil society for the following reasons:

- Empowers private sector and civil society as stakeholders in policy development (consultation)
- RIA framework can be used by private sector to strengthen their approach to advocacy and research
- RIA produces policies and laws that achieve the desired policy goals with the minimum burden on those affected

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Key message:

- RBP and RIA promotes a partnership and a common understanding between government, the private sector and civil society

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Key message:

- RIA is an **ITERACTIVE** process

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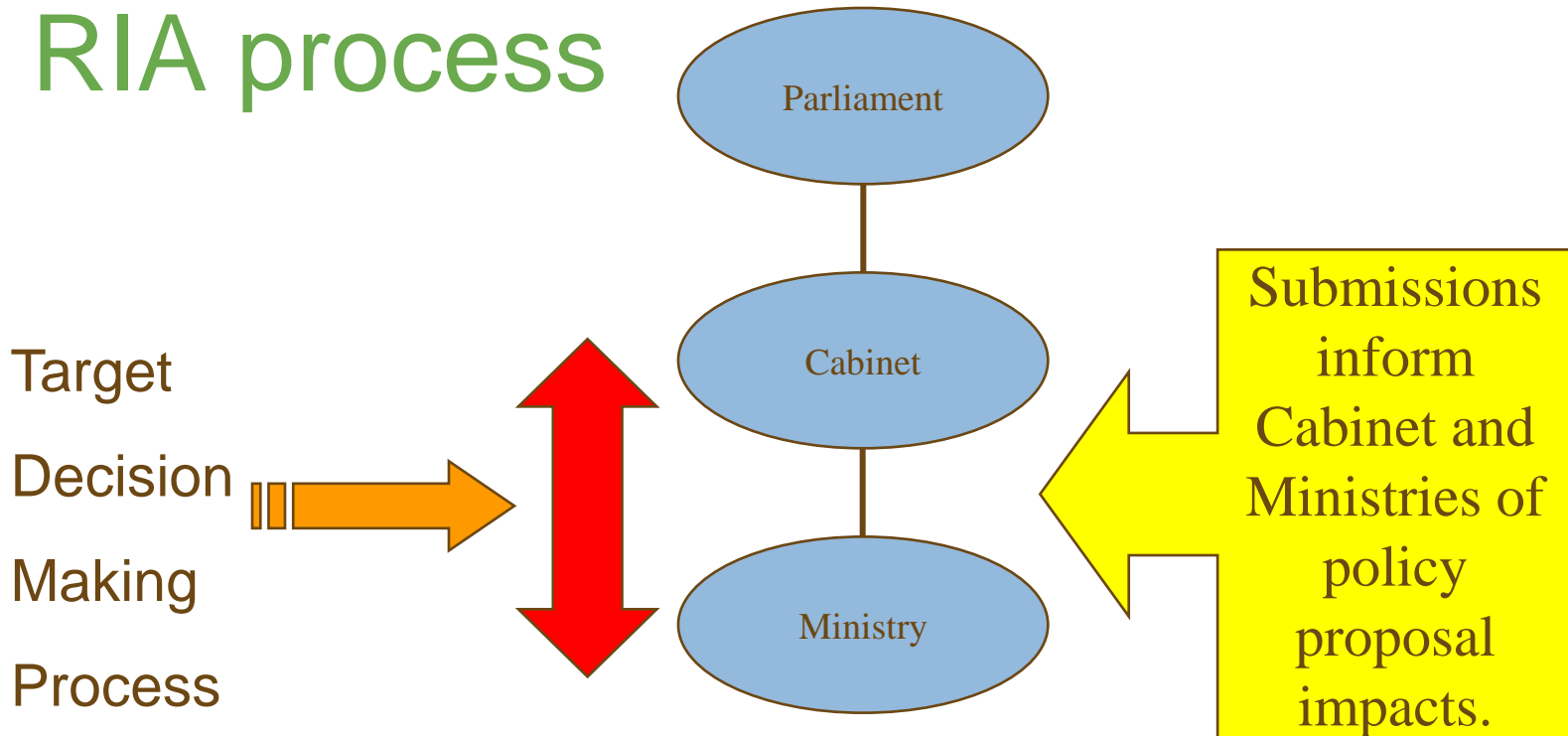
Uses of the RIA process:

- Policy Development Tool
- Communication Tool
 - Marketing/PR to stakeholders
 - Informing debate
- Challenge Tool
 - Cross-Ministry
 - In Parliament
 - For stakeholders

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RIA process



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Key message:

- By targeting the decision making process RIA helps to ensure policies and laws are designed *efficiently* and *effectively*