

The Political Context for Administrative Simplification Policies in the Netherlands

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1994

- Cabinet goal: reduce compliance costs of regulation by 10 %
- more operational: reduce Administrative Burdens by 10 %
- estimated size of AB: Hfl 13 billion (2.2 % GIP)

1997

- Cabinet conclusions over period 1994-1997: reduction by 10 % is at hand
- Parliament: reinforce program to realise 25%

Recommendations

- More insight needed in existing legislation (both qualitative and quantitative)
- to improve allocation of efforts and monitoring
- new legislation to be tested by external board
- annual reports per ministry
- extra efforts on ICT

The actual situation

- Every department has to quantify its own regulation
- surveys to be finished in 2002
- results are input for action programs
- impact new regulation on AB appears to have been underestimated
- reduction 1994-1999: approx. 7.5 %