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The following Impact Analysis (IA) questions should be the starting point of your policy journey.

1 **What is the policy problem you are trying to solve and what data is available?**

Clearly identify and define the problem you are trying to solve, and discuss available data and its limitations.

2 **What are the objectives, why is government intervention needed to achieve them, and how will success be measured?**

Clearly identify why there is a legitimate reason for government to intervene, and outline what success looks like.

3 **What policy options are you considering?**

Identify a range of genuine and viable alternative policy options.

4 **What is the likely net benefit of each option?**

Identify who is likely to be affected by each option and asses the economic, social, and environmental costs and benefits.

5 **Who did you consult and how did you incorporate their feedback?**

Explain the purpose and objectives of consultation.

6 **What is the best option from those you have considered and how will it be implemented?**

Indicate which of the identified options you are leaning towards, and explain how this option will implemented.

7 **How will you evaluate your chosen option against the success metrics?**

Discuss what success looks like and how it will be achieved.

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