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Progress of the Council for Regulatory Reform in 2002

1st	Apr. 15, Mon.	Operating policy etc. for the new year
2nd	May 15, Wed.	Target of study for each working group
3rd	Jun. 11, Tue.	Interview from Federation of Economic Organizations on the feature of draft reports and objectives of study of each working group, etc.
4th	Jul. 3, Wed.	Exchange of opinions with agencies involved, etc.
5th	Jul. 11, Thu.	Discussion regarding interim draft reports
6th	Jul. 23, Tue.	Discussion and decision regarding interim reports

The Announcement of the “Interim Report on the Prioritized Regulatory Reform Plans for Economic Vitalization”

7th	Sep. 12, Thu.	Interview from the Office for the Promotion of Special Zones for Structural Reform on practical operation of conferences in the future
8th	Sep. 26, Thu.	Interview from the organizations involved, etc. (Federation of Economic Organizations, New Business Conference, Kansai Economic Federation)
9th	Oct. 22, Tue	Interviews from the organizations involved, etc. (Japan Trade Union Confederation, EU, Association of Prefectural Governors, the United States of America)
10th	Nov. 6, Wed.	Review of the study progress of each area
11th	Nov. 21, Thu.	Discussion regarding draft reports
12th	Dec. 5, Thu.	Discussion regarding the draft
13th	Dec. 12, Thu.	Discussion and decision regarding the draft and its report to the Prime Minister

Working groups had been set up for each study area, which were held 134 times in total by the time the report was delivered (for the purpose of taking interviews from intellectuals and agencies, getting issues straight, and so on)

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(as of December 2002)

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