

# Competition Policy in the UK

## The Enterprise Bill

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 9.15am – 2.00pm

Conference and lunch reception, at Arundel House, Temple Place, London WC2R

The new Enterprise Bill, expected in spring 2002, represents a significant reform to UK competition policy. The consultation document “Productivity and Enterprise: A World Class Competition Regime” sets out the government’s objectives. The proposed reforms aim to strengthen the competition authorities and increase their independence. This forms part of the government’s broader strategy, which has focussed on competition as a key driver of productivity growth.

How will these reforms affect businesses and what will they mean for the competitiveness of UK plc? Will these reforms ensure a good deal for consumers and make markets work more effectively? What will the changes mean for the practical implementation of competition policy?

The conference will bring together representatives from the government, business, consumer and practitioner communities to debate these issues.

A distinguished group of speakers will outline the key issues:

- ▶ **Melanie Johnson**, Minister for Competition, Consumers and Markets
- ▶ **John Cridland**, Deputy Director-General of the CBI
- ▶ **Professor John Kay**, economist

This will be followed by a panel discussion, with participants including competition policy practitioners and other interest groups.

A place at the conference will cost £90 + VAT (£70 + VAT for IFS members). The price includes a buffet lunch. The conference has received financial support from the DTI and ESRC.



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