

Westminster Business Forum Keynote Seminar

The future for regulation and competition for UK utilities - infrastructure investment, innovation and consumer value in the telecoms, water and energy markets

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 26th February 2019

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness McIntosh of Pickering, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Water Group
- 9.05 - 9.30 **The NIC's Regulation Study so far and next steps**
An update on the progress of the NIC's study on the regulation of the UK's energy, telecoms and water industries, designed to find the right conditions for future infrastructure investment and innovation.
Sarah Hayes, Senior Regulatory Advisor, National Infrastructure Commission
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.30 **Designing regulatory systems that deliver greater innovation, investment in infrastructure and value for consumers**
Piers Thompson, Director, Policy and Research, Global Infrastructure Investor Association
Noel Beale, Director, Competition - Regulation, Burges Salmon
Darren Rice, Head of Policy and Regulatory Strategy, Anglian Water
Joe Perkins, Chief Economist, Ofgem
Senior representative, consumer group
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness McIntosh of Pickering, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Water Group
- 10.35 - 11.05 Coffee
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 - 11.35 **Encouraging competition in regulated markets: how well is the concurrency regime working?**
Sharon Horwitz, Director, Sector Regulation Unit, Competition and Markets Authority
James Lambert, Director, Sector Regulation, Competition and Markets Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 - 11.45 **Protecting vulnerable consumers**
Rich Sullivan-Jones, Audit Manager, Regulation, Consumers & Competition, National Audit Office
- 11.45 - 12.30 **The future shape of utilities regulation - models for collaboration, competition focus and lessons from other nations**
Natasha Hobday, Group Policy and Regulation Director, First Utility
Clive Carter, Director of Strategy, Ofcom
Ilsa Godlovitch, Director, WIK
Sharon Darcy, Director, Sustainability First
Questions and comments from the floor with **Rich Sullivan-Jones**, Audit Manager, Regulation, Consumers & Competition, National Audit Office
- 12.30 - 12.55 **The future for regulated markets policy**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Peter van Gelder, Director, Westminster Business Forum