

Consultation Response

HM Treasury's consultation: Financial Services Regulation: Measuring Success -Calls for Proposals.

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Introduction

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Our Banking, Company & Insolvency Law sub-committee welcomes the opportunity to consider and respond to HM Treasury's consultation: Financial Services Regulation: Measuring Success -Calls for Proposals¹.

We have the following comments to put forward for consideration.

Questions

Q: Do you agree with the government's approach to the exercise of the power of direction in Clause 37 of the FSM Bill?

Yes, we agree in principle, however we consider that the section 37 power should expressly exclude the sharing of any (i) information that is price sensitive to the regulated institution(s) concerned, (ii) PII of any customer; and/or or any information which is otherwise confidential to the institution(s) or its (their) customer base. We consider that this is necessary to ensure maximum disclosure between the regulators and regulated markets.

Q: What are the key metrics that the FCA and the PRA should publish in relation to their new secondary growth and competitiveness objectives?

We have no comments to make.

¹ Financial <u>Services Regulation - Measuring Success - Call for Proposals.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)</u>

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