

GROCERIES REMITTAL

Disclosure of further interests for CC staff

The Competition Commission (CC) notes the following interests in relation to the above investigation, which are in addition to those disclosed in relation to the Groceries inquiry:

Clare Potter

1. In addition to the interest identified at the commencement of the inquiry, Clare Potter's brother is a partner in the solicitor's firm Morgan Cole from whom we have received representations, on behalf of a client, in relation to the proposed Controlled Land Order. Ms Potter's brother has no involvement in this matter.
2. The CC is satisfied that the impartiality of the inquiry will not be affected by the above.

Dr Alison Oldale

3. Dr Alison Oldale, recently appointed as Chief Economist at the CC, was until 30 May 2009 a Director at LECG, an economics consultancy. LECG advised a grocery retailer on some aspects of the Groceries inquiry, although Dr Oldale herself did not do any work for this client. LECG has also advised other clients in the grocery retail sector. Dr Oldale will not have a day-to-day role in the Groceries inquiry (including the reconsideration of the competition test), but has a general responsibility to oversee the work of the economics team.
4. The CC is satisfied that the impartiality of the inquiry will not be affected by this interest.

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