

## Regulating in the Public Interest

*Is there adequate accountability?*

*What are the implications of the Government Statement on Regulation?*

**Friday, 23 October 2009, 8.00am – 10.30am**

The Government has just issued a statement on economic regulation which “will apply where relevant to all regulators”. The Statement includes a commitment to review the role and mandates of key economic regulators every five years. It refers to “the need to strengthen consumer input into regulators’ activities” and “the importance of scrutiny and oversight of regulators”.

There is regular criticism of the flow and burden of regulation. The number and governance of State bodies involved in regulation has been queried by the McCarthy Report. At the same time, there are constant calls for more regulation in areas where there is perceived to be a threat to the public interest.

- What are the principles of good regulation?
- What should a regulatory body achieve?
- What are the key governance issues for a regulator?

### Speakers and Discussion

**Donal DeBuitléir** chaired the Business Regulation Forum, is a member of the HSE Board and has a distinguished career spanning the public and private sectors.

**Colin Scott**, Professor of EU Regulation and Governance at the UCD School of Law is an internationally recognised authority on regulation whose current research includes aspects of State administration and local authority regulation.

**Pat Kenny**, Senior Economic Advisor at the Commission for Communications Regulation (and previously was with the Competition Authority and the European Commission

#### Panel Discussion

Chairperson: Philip Kelly, Assistant Secretary, Department of the Taoiseach

### Time & Location

The Briefing will take place at the IPA, 57-61 Lansdowne Road.

Breakfast will be served from 8.00am.

The presentations and open forum discussions will run from 8.30 – 10.30am.

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## Booking Details

The cost for non-members is €150 per person.

Members of the Forum are entitled to nominate **three participants** to the briefing without charge. The price for fourth and additional nominees is €120 per person.

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