



## News Release

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### **CC CLEARS STS/BUTLERS MERGER**

The Competition Commission (CC) has formally cleared the completed acquisition by Sector Treasury Services Limited (STS) of Butlers, a trading division of ICAP plc, which provides treasury management advisory (TMA) services. STS is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Capita Business Services Limited.

This confirms the [provisional findings](#) which were published last month. In its final report [published today](#), the CC has concluded that the acquisition has not resulted and is not likely to result in a substantial lessening of competition in the market for the supply of TMA services to local authorities on a retainer basis.

Prior to the merger, both companies supplied (among other things) TMA services to local authorities in the UK under retainer contracts. Treasury management is the process by which public and private sector bodies manage their cash flows and associated financial risks. It includes deciding when, for how long and with whom to invest surplus funds and from whom to borrow additional funds and on what terms.

#### **Notes for editors**

The CC is an independent public body, which carries out investigations into mergers, markets and the regulated industries.

1. The Enterprise Act 2002 empowers the Office of Fair Trading to refer to the CC completed or proposed mergers for investigation and report which create or enhance a 25 per cent share of supply in the UK (or a substantial part thereof) or where the UK turnover associated with the enterprise being acquired is over £70 million.
2. The members of the STS/Butlers Inquiry Group are: Malcolm Nicholson (Chairman of the Inquiry Group), Ian Jones, Anthony Stern and Tony Stoller. The CC has a 24-week period in which it is required to publish its report, which may be extended by no more than eight weeks if it considers that there are special reasons why the report cannot be published within that period.

3. Further information on this inquiry, including the terms of reference and other key documents, as well as on the CC and its procedures, including its policy on the provision of information and the disclosure of evidence, can be obtained from the CC website at [www.competition-commission.org.uk](http://www.competition-commission.org.uk).
4. Enquiries should be directed to [Siobhan Allen](#) or [Rory Taylor](#) by telephoning 020 7271 0242.