

JOHN FINGLETON

Mr. John Fingleton became Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) in October, 2005. Mr. Fingleton studied economics at Trinity College Dublin and Nuffield College Oxford. He taught economics at Trinity College Dublin for almost a decade, and spent shorter periods at the London School of Economics, the Graduate School of Business at the University of Chicago, and the Université Libre de Bruxelles. His academic research focussed on industrial organisation, regulation and competition policy.

As Chairperson of the Irish Competition Authority from 2000 to 2005, Mr. Fingleton oversaw the introduction of new legislation, initiated criminal and civil enforcement, set up a new mergers regime and engaged in widespread competition advocacy, especially in the areas of transport, the professions and financial services. He played an active role in international competition policy and in domestic economic policy, particularly around competitiveness.

At the OFT, John has focused on increasing the impact that the OFT has on consumers and productivity growth in the UK economy. The OFT has thus refocused its work on a smaller number of high profile matters, examples of which include criminal and civil enforcement, cartels, airports and banking charges.