



## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

### John Fingleton

John Fingleton became Chief Executive of the OFT in October 2005.

John 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 focused on industrial organisation, regulation and competition policy.

As Chairperson of the Irish Competition Authority from 2000 to 2005, John 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.

- **1983-87** Trinity College Dublin Scholar 1985; BA (Mod) in Economics 1987
- **1987-91** Nuffield College Oxford, M. Phil. in Economics 1989,  
D. Phil. Middlemen 1991
- **1991** London School of Economics, Research Officer at Financial Markets  
Group, January to September
- **1991-2000** Trinity College Dublin, Lecturer in Economics  
European Centre for Advanced Research in Economics,  
Université Libre de Bruxelles, July to December 1995  
Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago, visiting scholar,  
September 1998 to April 2000
- **2000-2005** Chairperson, Irish Competition Authority
- **2005-** Chief Executive, Office of Fair Trading