



Department for Business, Innovation & Skills

Introduction of a Land Registry service delivery company: Consultation response form

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This closing date for this consultation is **20 March 2014**.

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Please tick the box from the list below that best describes you as a respondent. This allows views to be presented by group type.

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	Medium business (50 to 250 staff)
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Question 1

Do you agree that by creating a more delivery-focused organisation at arms length from Government, Land Registry will be able to carry out its operations more efficiently and effectively for its customers?

☐ Yes

X ☒ No

☐ Not sure

Comments:

: If the Government cannot run it properly, then change the Government, not the function.

Question 2

Do you agree that the OCLR should retain exclusive responsibility for the functions set out in paragraph 49?

X ☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not sure

Comments:

If it ain't broke, DON'T fix it !!

Question 3

Are there additional functions that should be retained in the OCLR? Please explain what and why.

Comments: **They should all stay**

Question 4

What are your views in respect of the proposals for shared functions set out in paragraphs 50-51? **See below**

Comments: **If the Government cannot run it properly, then change the Government, not the function.**

Question 5

What are your views on the proposed approach to service delivery company functions in paragraph 52?

Comments: **The process if Land Registry is too important to be left to any company that puts profit at the front, as it must.**

Question 6

Do you agree that the overall design provides the right checks and balances to protect the integrity of the Register and safeguard the provision of indemnities and state title guarantee? If not, please state your reasons why not.

☐ Yes

X ☒ No

☐ Not sure

Comments:

See above. **The concept of land title is too important to be trifled with by those who obviously MUST have other motives, for otherwise, why would they seek to take over ?**

Question 7

Would you be comfortable with non-civil servants processing land registration information provided they do so within the framework set out by the OCLR through the service contract? If not, please explain your reasons why not.

☐ Yes

X ☒ No

☐ Not sure

Comments:

See above

Question 8

Are there any situations, other than those set out in this consultation, in which you would want to see an escalation process to the OCLR? Please explain what and why.

Comments:

We reject the idea of taking this key function into private hands.

Question 9

Do you agree with the proposed approach for handling complaints, as set out in paragraph 56? If not, please explain your reasons why not.

☐ Yes

X ☒ No

☐ Not sure

Comments:

See above

Question 10

Do you agree with the escalation process set out for objections in paragraph 56? If not, please state your reasons why not.

☐ Yes

X ☒ No

☐ Not sure

Comments: **See above**

Question 11

Do you think the Rule Committee should include a representative from the service delivery company? Please explain why or why not.

☐ Yes

X ☒ No

☐ Not sure

Comments: **There should be no service delivery company**

Question 12

The Data Protection Act will protect personal data that is provided to the service delivery company. Would you like to see any protections beyond this, and if so please explain what and why?

☐ Yes

X ☒ No

☐ Not sure

Comments: **There is no cause for this provision if you agree with us that there should be no such service delivery company**

Question 13

What are your views on the proposed system for safeguarding customer service issues and the continued role of the Independent Complaints Reviewer?

Comments:

There is no cause for this provision if you agree with us that there should be no such service delivery company

Question 14

Do you think there is a difference between the opportunities and risks depending on whether operational control over the service delivery company is entrusted to Government or a private sector company? If yes, what?

X ☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not sure

Comments:

Whatever level of control is ceded to an outsider, the Government can only stand by and, as usual, watch as things go wrong, sometimes badly wrong.

Question 15

Do you think there is a difference between the opportunities or risks depending on whether the service delivery company is owned by the Government or a private sector company or both? If yes, please explain your reasons.

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not sure

Comments:

There is no point in forming a service delivery company, Government owned or otherwise, if you agree with us that this idea is a no – no.

Question 16

What do you think are the constraints and dependencies for Land Registry's successful delivery of the business strategy?

Comments:

If the Land Registry Management cannot manage, then either train them, or find someone who can.

Question 17

Do you have any other comments on the proposals contained in this consultation?

Comments:

There is no evidence of which we are aware, or which has been made public, that leads us to believe that changing the structure from public to private is a good idea, unless you happen to be a Foreigner who wants to take yet another slice out of the UK's backbone.

Question 18

Do you have any other comments that might aid the consultation process as a whole? Please use this space for any general comments you may have. Comments on the layout of this consultation would also be welcome.

Comments

This seems to be a classic opportunity to place the true facts before the whole UK Public, and let them be the judge. It will be a nil-cost exercise if you invite one or other of the political parties to place it in their Manifesto for the 2015 elections.

Thank you for your views on this consultation. We do not intend to acknowledge receipt of individual responses unless you tick the box below.

Please acknowledge this reply **X** ☐

At BIS we carry out our research on many different topics and consultations. As your views are valuable to us, would it be okay if we were to contact you again from time to time either for research or to send through consultation documents?

☐ Yes ☐ No **We'll wait and see what sort of job you do with this one.**

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