Investment Consultants Market Investigation Competition and Markets Authority Victoria House Southampton Row London WC1B 4AD

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Dear Sir / Madam,

## Consultation response

We welcome the remedies as put forward to the CMA and believe that these will help Trustees become more engaged buyers of both fiduciary management and investment consultancy services.

We do have concerns that the competitive tender process has the potential to become a box ticking exercise and we welcome a more robust stance on this item.

The depth of these competitive tender processes\_will be important to ensure that asset owners obtain the intended benefit from the introduction of these remedies. With an expected large number of firms falling foul of this particular requirement, we expect a significant number of retenders that might materially reduce the substance and depth thus not leading to the desired outcome of Trustees being informed and engaged buyers.

The prudent evaluation of alternative fiduciary management offerings by Trustees requires time, money and expert knowledge. We would be interested in the views of the CMA as to how the appropriate governance and resources can be made available by schemes going forward, especially by smaller pension schemes.

Yours sincerely

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