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With economics at the centre of competition law, this handbook identifies the issues that antitrust economists are tackling today. The book's comprehensive format provides contact details for competition agencies' economists in over 70 jurisdictions. A Q&A format illustrates how the advisers are organised and their input into the regulation and enforcement process.

Much of the information has been provided by the agencies themselves and we are, as ever, grateful for all their cooperation.

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Questions and answers

How many economists do you employ?

There are 31 economists (investigators) employed at the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (the Commission).

Do you have a chief economist?

Yes. The chief economist (chief analyst) heads the Economics Unit (Research and Education Unit).

To whom does the chief economist report?

The chief economist (chief analyst) reports to the executive director.

Does the chief economist have the power to hire his or her own staff?

No. The staff reporting to the chief economist (chief analyst) are employed in the same manner as any other employee of the Commission.

How many of your economists have a PhD in industrial economics?

None.

Does the agency include a Specialist Economist on every case team? If not, why not?

Yes. The Office of the Chief Economist (Chief Analyst) offers technical and specialised opinions and advice on cases. This is usually done in bi-weekly meetings with investigators. However, any investigator can also seek the advice of the Office of the Chief Economist whenever need arises. It should also be noted that the investigator is also an economist specialised in investigations.

Is the chief economist a second pair of eyes' during cases – is it one of the agency's checks and balances? If not, why not?

Yes, the Office of the Chief Economist provides specialised opinions and advice during cases. It is therefore a second pair of eyes in this sense.

How much economic work is outsourced? What type of work is outsourced?

Specific professional advice on particular cases is outsourced from industry experts, where need arises.

