

Martin Stanley

Martin is an experienced senior civil servant and public sector chief executive. He has spent much of his career at Board level and at the interface between government and industry.

Martin has been Chief Executive of:

- the Competition Commission,
- the Postal Services Commission, and
- the Better Regulation Executive.

He was previously Principal Private Secretary in (what is now) the Department for Business, during a career in which he also successfully supported the development of the UK vehicle manufacturing and offshore oil/gas sectors, and put in place a major expansion of industry-education links.

Martin has held non-exec appointments with American Express and IBM, and, until 2004, was non-executive Chairman of Atmaana, a company that supports senior executives as they deliver critical projects.

Martin currently writes, teaches, and advises those interested in competition issues and in building strong government institutions. He recently served as interim Chief Executive of the Turks and Caicos Islands Government.

Martin is a member of the International Sounding Board of Dubai's education authority and regulator: the Knowledge and Human Development Authority.

Martin is also the author of three popular websites. One contains information about the British civil service and incorporates the text of *How to be a Civil Servant* - the standard text about UK Civil Servants' professional skills, duties and responsibilities:- see www.civilservant.org.uk . The second concentrates on the development of regulation in all its forms:- see www.regulation.org.uk . The third contains information about the Vauxhall and Kennington areas within central London:- see www.vauxhallandkennington.org.uk .

Principal Appointments

During 2009, Martin served as the first Chief Executive of the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands – a British Overseas Territory in the West Indies. This followed the suspension of the country's constitution after a commission of inquiry uncovered serious corruption and incompetence on the part of the country's previous government.

Martin was Chief Executive of the UK's Competition Commission from 2004 to 2009. The Commission is an independent body which decides whether large firms may be allowed to merge with one another, investigates whether particular markets are working satisfactorily, and acts as a Court of Appeal from certain decisions by utility regulators. High profile inquiries included those into Sky's acquisition of shares in ITV, BAA's airports, the London Stock Exchange, and Supermarkets. The Commission was, in 2007, 2008 and 2009, awarded "5 stars" by competition practitioners polled by the Global Competition Review – the only competition authority outside the USA to achieve this recognition.

From 2000 until 2004 Martin was Chief Executive of the Postal Services Commission (Postcomm), the Government department that regulates the UK postal services industry. Martin oversaw the research and consultation that led to the opening of the whole of the UK postal market – previously a Royal Mail monopoly – to competition from other postal operators

Before Postcomm, Martin worked in the Cabinet Office where he was Director of the Regulatory Impact Unit (now the Better Regulation Executive), responsible for helping Government Ministers and Departments find the right balance between under-regulating (and so failing to protect the public) and over-regulating (and so failing to preserve freedoms, or creating excessive bureaucracy).

Martin particularly enjoys working closely with industry and, between 1992 and 1998, led a number of teams responsible for the Government's relations with, and support for, the vehicle, steel, engineering, offshore oil/gas and international projects industries.

Martin joined the UK civil service in 1971 and first worked in the Inland Revenue before moving to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) where he held a number of senior positions. After working on small firms policies, and leading a major industry-education links initiative, he was from 1990 to 1992 DTI's Principal Private Secretary, i.e. he led the teams which supported the Secretary of State and other Ministers.

Other Detail

Martin was born in 1948 and grew up in the North-East of England where he attended the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. He then studied chemistry and economics at Oxford University.

Martin is a trustee of the Bankside Open Spaces Trust.

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