

## **Independence of the professions**

I see from your editorial on April 1 that you welcome the fact that the Office of Fair Trading is to investigate the professions. Some 30 years ago, when I was chief executive of a professional body (the RICS) the consultant professions fought tooth and nail to repel a similar attack. We were successful. I wrote a book and many articles giving reasons why it was in the public interest to retain independent self-governing professions. What has changed?

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