

Secondary market in annuities cancelled

On 18 October 2016 the Government announced it was abandoning its plans to introduce a secondary market in annuities from April 2017. The plans would have allowed those who had previously purchased an annuity to “sell” it to a suitable institution in return for a cash fund which could be drawn on as taxable income as and when required.

The Government’s decision was reached as a result of it deciding that creating the conditions to allow a competitive market could not be balanced with sufficient consumer protections.