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## COMMERCIAL LEASES SEMINAR “WHO’S AFRAID OF LEGISLATION?”

The British Retail Consortium (BRC) is holding a half-day seminar to discuss the Government's controversial proposals to regulate commercial leases. The event will bring together the views of all key stakeholders including retailers, property owners, financiers and agents.

The seminar will take place on Wednesday 29 September, 10.00-14.00 at One Great George Street, SW1.

The event follows the recent publication of the BRC's rent review survey, which showed an overwhelming 88% of retailers want the Government to bring forward legislation to tackle upward only rent reviews.

### **If you would like to attend the seminar please contact:**

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### **Notes to editors**

#### **Talking at the seminar:**

Kevin Hawkins – Director General, BRC

David Philpot – Partner, Pinsents

Martin Meech – Managing Director, Dixons Group Retail Properties

Martin Moore – Managing Director, Prudential Property Investment Managers

Paul Herrington - Managing Director, ISIS Property Asset Management & Chairman, ABI Property Investment Panel

Louis Armstrong – Chief Executive, RICS

In its consultation document published on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2004, the Government set out six options to deter or prohibit the use of Upward Only Rent Review (UORR) clauses. The BRC will be responding to the consultation (closing date 30 September) and has undertaken a survey of members' views to inform our position on the proposed options.

[Click here to view the rent review survey](#)