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Margaret was director of competition enforcement at the OFT for six years where she headed the competition enforcement division. With around 180 staff, the division enforced the OFT's competition responsibilities. She led the successful implementation of the Competition Act 1998 and the Enterprise Act 2002, which have considerably increased the OFT's powers.

Prior to joining the OFT, Margaret worked in the Cabinet Office and the Department of Trade and Industry on privatisation, competition policy and public sector finance. She worked in the private sector as an economist before joining the Civil Service.

Margaret has spoken widely on antitrust in the UK and internationally. She was a vice chair of the OECD Competition Committee for six years to summer 2003. In May 2003, she was presented with a US Department of Justice plaque for 'Outstanding Contributions to Effective International Antitrust Cooperation and the Fight Against International Cartels'. In June 2003 she was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire for her work at the OFT.

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