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Operational note

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Privacy Laws & Business 21st Annual International Conference – 7-9 July 2008

Richard Thomas, the UK Information Commissioner, will explain how he intends to interpret and use his new powers to impose fines and conduct compulsory audits at Privacy Laws & Business' 21st Annual International Conference in Cambridge.

Recent high profile cases regarding the loss of personal data highlight the importance of having appropriate systems in place that protect people's legal rights and provide redress when things go wrong.

The conference aims to analyse the legal risks and provide practical solutions. It will offer delegates case studies of risk management, analysis of legal risk, and an intensive workshop on how to conduct Privacy Impact Assessments, given for the first time by the Information Commissioner's Office.

Information Tribunal Chair, John Angel, will speak about his three years of determining the law in difficult Data Protection and Freedom of Information Act cases. Another session will address *Grappling with the fluid definitions of personal data: The definition of personal data in light of recent case law*.

Sessions on the Freedom of Information Act include: Deputy Information Commissioner, Graham Smith, on *How the UK FOI Act supports Transparency and Accountability in Public Spending*; Maurice Frankel, Director of the Campaign for

Freedom of Information on *How the Freedom of Information Act challenges the balance of power*, and the Ministry of Justice on forthcoming changes to both laws.

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Notes to editors

1. Privacy Laws & Business 21st Annual International Conference: Value Privacy, Secure Your Reputation, Reduce Risk, 7-9th July, 2008, St. John's College, Cambridge. To see the full programme with speakers from 10 countries, and to book, please visit <http://www.privacylaws.com/annualconference>
2. Privacy Laws & Business provides an independent international privacy laws information service. Clients include many of the world's largest companies and specialist lawyers in almost 50 countries.
In the United Kingdom, the company provides services to help its private and public sector clients comply with both the Data Protection Act and the Freedom of Information Act. The company's website is www.privacylaws.com
3. The ICO press release can be found at http://www.ico.gov.uk/upload/documents/pressreleases/2008/criminal_justice_and_migration_act.pdf