

Press release: New charity investigation: ANO

The Charity Commission, the independent regulator of charities in England and Wales, has opened a statutory inquiry into [ANO, registered charity number 1155123](#). The inquiry was opened on 3 April 2017.

The Leicester-based charity, also known as Aid for the Needy & Oppressed, has objects to provide relief of poverty, in particular countries affected by disasters and war, through financial support, goods and services.

In December 2016, a trustee of the charity was stopped by UK Ports Officers where cash totalling £19,300 belonging to the charity was seized. These funds are subject to a cash detention order and are at risk of loss in the event of a successful forfeiture application. The trustee submitted a Serious Incident Report (RSI) to the Commission regarding the incident in January 2017.

The Commission sought additional information from the charity's trustees regarding their decision to courier the charity's funds in cash, and exercised its powers under section 52 of the Charities Act 2011 to obtain copies of the charity's bank statements. The Commission's analysis of the information obtained to date has identified a number of regulatory concerns which warrant further investigation.

The investigation will consider:

- the administration, governance and management of the charity by the trustees;
- the financial controls and management of the charity and whether its funds have been properly expended solely for exclusively charitable purposes and can be accounted for;
- the conduct of the trustees; and
- whether or not the trustees have complied with and fulfilled their duties and responsibilities as trustees under charity law.

The Commission recently [issued an alert](#) to charities strongly advising against the use of cash couriers.

It is the Commission's policy, after it has concluded an inquiry, to publish a report detailing what issues the inquiry looked at, what actions were undertaken as part of the inquiry and what the outcomes were. [Reports of previous inquiries](#) by the Commission are available on GOV.UK.

The charity's details can be viewed on the Commission's [online charity search tool](#).

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Notes to editors

1. [The Charity Commission](#) is the independent regulator of charities in England and Wales. To find out more about our work, see our [annual report](#).
2. Search for charities on our [online register](#).
3. Details of how the Commission reports on its regulatory work can be found on [GOV.UK](#).
4. Section 46 of the Charities Act 2011 gives the Commission the power to institute inquiries. The opening of an inquiry gives the Commission access to a range of investigative, protective and remedial legal powers.
5. The Commission's decision to announce the opening of a statutory inquiry is based on whether it is in the public interest to do so and with consideration of our objective to increase public trust and confidence in charities.

[Press release: Privy Council appointments: Gavin Barwell and Mel Stride](#)

The Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of Gavin Laurence Barwell MP and Melvyn John Stride MP as Privy Council members.

The Queen has been pleased to approve that Gavin Laurence Barwell MP and Melvyn John Stride MP be sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

[News story: CMA provisional decision on ICE/Trayport agreement](#)

In March following a challenge by Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. (ICE), the Competition Appeal Tribunal (CAT) [upheld the CMA's findings](#) that the merger between the 2 results in a loss of competition and that in order to resolve this, [ICE must sell the Trayport business](#).

At the same time, the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) was also asked by the CAT to reconsider its additional requirement that the companies terminate a new agreement that had been entered into during the course of the original investigation and which would significantly expand their commercial relationship.

In its provisional remittal decision, the CMA has found that the new agreement represents a significant step-change in relations between 2 companies which had historically not co-operated. It has also provisionally found that the agreement could risk an effective sale of the Trayport business and benefit ICE in the future whilst disadvantaging the new owner of Trayport.

In view of these risks and the low costs arising from ending an agreement that has not yet been implemented, the CMA has provisionally concluded that it is necessary to terminate it.

The CMA will now consider responses to its provisional decision before publishing its final decision in late May. The provisional findings report is available on the [case page](#) along with all other published information relating to the investigation.

Anyone wishing to respond to the provisional findings should do so in writing, by no later than 5pm on 10 May 2017.

Email ice.trayport@cma.gsi.gov.uk or write to:

Project Manager
ICE/Trayport merger inquiry
Competition and Markets Authority
Victoria House
Southampton Row
London
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[News story: Videos and webinars about tax credits](#)

Get help and support from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) with your tax credits.

Video

A YouTube video will be available on Wednesday 26 April 2017.

It will explain:

- how HMRC will contact you to check your tax credits
- why your details are being checked
- what you need to do and when by
- what will happen if HMRC don't get the information they've asked for
- what will happen after your details are checked

Webinars

Webinars can last up to an hour. You can ask questions during the presentation and get answers from your HMRC host.

Register and log in at least 5 minutes before a live webinar is due to start.

You can watch recorded webinars at any time but you'll need to register first.

Tax credits – how to tell HMRC you have started paid work

Find out how to tell us you have started paid work as an employee or self-employed and what information you will need.

Tax credits – how to tell HMRC your paid work has ended

Find out how to tell us you have ended paid work that's currently on your tax credits claim.

Help and advice

Check to make sure you have a [compatible computer or mobile device](#) to watch webinars.

[Search for help](#) if you have technical problems with webinars.

[News story: South Eastern franchise public consultation events cancelled](#)

Events planned as part of the public consultation for the South Eastern franchise have been cancelled following the announcement of a general election on 8 June.

The following events will now not take place:

Date and time	Location
Tuesday 25 April 2017 4pm to 7pm	London St Pancras, Station concourse

Monday 8 May 2017 4pm to 7pm London Bridge, Station concourse
Tuesday 9 May 2017 4pm to 7pm Gravesend, Civic Centre, DA12 1AU
Wednesday 10 May 2017 4pm to 7pm Canterbury, Westgate Hall, CT1 2BT

The planned stakeholder event at Woolwich Town Hall on Thursday 27 April will also now not take place.

The consultation remains open until 23 May 2017. Please visit the [Future of South Eastern rail services consultation page](#) for details of how to respond.

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