

Government rethink on Agency Workers Regulations?



It appears that the Government may be re-thinking the implementation of the Agency Workers Regulations (AWR). With economic growth stagnant, the promise of less regulation and red-tape, and the unnecessary gold-plating of the regulations it is reported that the Government is taking legal advice on its options.

As we reported at our AWR seminars this year the gold-plating of the regulations, i.e. going above and beyond what is required by the European Directive, had been looked at carefully after the election. At the time it was thought that it was more important to preserve the agreement with the unions on the 12 week qualifying period than to interfere with the regulations and potentially damage that agreement. However with the economic outlook becoming more and more gloomy with each set of figures, it now appears that the Government is seriously considering its options as various press reports have highlighted over the last week (albeit these have possibly been leaked tactically). Expect to hear more on this over the coming weeks.

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