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Snow survey

One in seven members of staff failed to make it into work during the heavy snow and severe weather earlier this year, results from the FSB-ICM 'Voice of Small Business' survey panel showed. Read the [press release](#), [policy paper](#) and coverage in the [Independent](#). In a win for the FSB this week, Lord Adonis told the House of Commons Transport Committee that a review body would look at how the UK coped in the wintry conditions, and said he supported increasing salt supplies, something the FSB has called for.

Pre-packaged administrations to be discussed at the FSB Annual Conference

FSB members will discuss concerns about pre-packaged administrations – where a buyer is lined up before a firm goes into administration, which can leave small firms in the supply chain unpaid – at the Annual Conference in Aberdeen in March. Read the [press release](#) and coverage in the [Financial Times](#)

Voice of Small Business EDM

Peter Luff MP has tabled an [Early Day Motion](#) on behalf of the FSB, welcoming the FSB-ICM 'Voice of Small Business' Annual Survey and calling on the Government to act, following findings which showed that a third of businesses are still receiving late payments from central and local Government.

Licensing Act exemption

The FSB is responding to the Government consultation on an exemption from the Licensing Act for small live music events. The FSB welcomes low impact exemptions like this and would like members to get in touch with examples of problems they have experienced when applying for live music event licences for events with under 100 attendees. Please also get in touch if you're keen on other low impact exemptions such as businesses that sell very low quantities of alcohol yet still need to apply for a licence. Email sara.higham@fsb.org.uk with your views.

John Sergeant to chair Question Time debate

Strictly Come Dancing star and former political journalist, John Sergeant is to chair the Question Time debate at the FSB Annual Conference in March. Read the [press release](#) to find out more.

FSB Public Affairs on Twitter

The FSB Public Affairs team is now on Twitter. You can follow the news from our work in Parliament at <http://twitter.com/fsbwestminster>

Reduce regulation

The FSB is calling for small businesses to tell us their biggest regulatory bug-bears so we can tell Government what regulation needs to be changed or removed completely. [Find out more](#) and give us your views.

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