



Weekly Brief

from the London Press and Public Affairs Office

Week 35 of 2010 Friday 3 September 2010

Don't cut subsidies for green electricity, FSB warns

The FSB, with a coalition of green, countryside and housing groups, has warned Energy Secretary Chris Huhne not to cut subsidies for green electricity and heating as part of the government's spending review. In a letter to the Secretary of State for Energy, signed by David Caro, Chair of the FSB Environment Committee, the group warns that cutting schemes that subsidise household generation of renewable energy would jeopardise job creation, energy security and greenhouse gas targets. Read the [letter](#) and an article in [The Guardian](#).

2011 Queen's Awards for Enterprise

The deadline for entries for the 2011 Queen's Awards for Enterprise is 29 October 2010. The three award categories of International Trade, Innovation and Sustainable Development are open to businesses employing at least two full time employees or part-time equivalents that are based in the UK and can demonstrate commercial success. Additionally, there is an individual award for Enterprise Promotion. [Find out more](#) about the awards and how to enter.

Case studies

As we approach the Comprehensive Spending Review on 20 October, the FSB [would like to hear](#) from businesses that would be happy to talk to the media about how the cuts will affect them. We are also looking for firms that have been affected by crime that would be happy to share their story.

Fraud alert

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau is warning FSB members that small businesses such as driving schools and bakeries, sports clubs are being targeted by individuals requesting payment for advertising in a police crime prevention yearbook. The suspect will say that agreement for the entry was gained over the phone and that payment is now due, and in some cases will then send an invoice. Contact the police if you have any information or think you have been a victim and [let us know](#) your experiences.

Business Continuity Toolkit

RISCAuthority has released a downloadable [update](#) of its free Business Continuity Software package ROBUST (Resilient Business Software Toolkit). The package was released last year to help the small firms produce effective Business Continuity Plans quickly and efficiently, and is now used by over 2,000 companies in the UK.

Follow the FSB on Facebook

You can follow the activities of the FSB by joining our official fanpage on Facebook. [Become a fan](#) to view regularly updated events, photo galleries, lobbying information and have the opportunity to add your own photos and discuss current small business issues.

Like what you read?

Bookmark this page using social media sites such as [Delicious](#), [Digg](#), [reddit](#), [StumbleUpon](#), and keep in the loop about the FSB's activities by subscribing to our [RSS feed](#) and following us on [Twitter](#).