



# Weekly Brief

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### Thanks Darling

The FSB welcomed a freeze in Corporation tax by the Chancellor in his Pre Budget Report this week and welcomed moves to extend the Enterprise Finance Guarantee for a further year in [City A.M](#) and the [Daily Telegraph](#). The FSB also welcomed plans for a new national investment corporation for innovative small firms in [The Sun](#) and the [Guardian](#).

### But no thanks Darling

However, the FSB told the [BBC](#) and Sky News, as well as the Daily Mirror, Financial Times, [The Independent](#), [Daily Mail](#) and the [Daily Telegraph](#) that the proposed one per cent rise in National Insurance is a serious blow to small firms wanting to grow and employ and warned that the rise could cost 57,000 jobs.

### EU newsletter

The EU policy team have issued their bi-monthly newsletter on what lobbying activities the FSB has been up to in Brussels. Read the [newsletter](#).

### Bribery and corruption – protecting your business

The Fraud Advisory Panel has issued a factsheet for businesses on bribery and corruption which gives information on the new Bribery Bill going through Parliament, how to report concerns and it outlines some practical steps that organisations can take to protect their business. Read the [factsheet](#).

### NICE guidelines

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) has issued guidance for employers on promoting mental wellbeing at work through productive and healthy working conditions. Read the [guidance](#).

### Financial advisors

Under new rules financial advisors will have to get new qualifications by 2012 to be able to give certain advice and they will no longer be able to charge commission. The Financial Advisor would like to find out the impact this will have on small firms. [Email them](#) your experiences.

### Reed Learning offers funded qualifications for Londoners

As part of the Mayor's Economic Recovery Plan to keep Londoners working, Reed Learning has been given funding for smaller London-based firms to deliver professional qualifications at no cost to the business. Qualifications will take 3-6 months to complete and successful delegates will gain a Level 2 or Level 3 NVQ qualification. [Email them](#) to find out more.

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