



# Government Economics Network Quarterly Event

*An opportunity to mix and mingle with other economists*

**Two presentations followed by non-alcoholic drinks and nibbles.**

## Economics and Policy

**Dr. Norman Gemmell (Treasury)**  
**will talk about how economic analysis has influenced policy.**

Norman Gemmell is Chief Economist at Treasury, advising the CE and Deputy CE on key economic policy issues. Norman was initially appointed as Principal Adviser (Tax), in August 2007 to advise on medium-term reform options for New Zealand's tax structure. Norman has spent most of his career as an academic economist, most recently as Professor of Economics at the University of Nottingham in the UK, and previously at the Australian National University, Canberra. From 2003-2006 Norman was an Assistant Director in the UK Inland Revenue's Research Department, advising IR and HM Treasury on tax issues. His research interests are mainly in the areas of public finance and economic growth. He has published several books and numerous journal articles in these areas.

## Economics and Legislation

**Dr. Lilla Csorgo (Commerce Commission)**  
**will talk about her experiences of using economics to enforce legislation.**

Lilla Csorgo recently joined the Commerce Commission as Chief Economist, Competition. She has extensive competition policy experience in both the public and private sectors, most recently as a vice president at Charles River Associates in Toronto, Canada. Prior to that, Dr. Csorgo was Special Economic Advisor to the Commissioner of the Canadian Competition Bureau. She also served as the Economist Member of the Canadian Competition Tribunal where she adjudicated the civil provisions of the Canadian Competition Act. She obtained her PhD in Economics from the University of Toronto.

**Date and time:** Thursday 27th October 2011 4:00-5:00pm

**Venue:** Level 5, The Treasury, 1 The Terrace

**RSVP:** Email: [gen@treasury.govt.nz](mailto:gen@treasury.govt.nz) by Friday 21st October 2011