

MEDIA CONFERENCE INVITATION TO THE RELEASE OF

THE GROCERY RETAIL MARKET INQUIRY PROVISIONAL REPORT



Commission invites members of the media to a press conference on the release of the provisional report of the Grocery Retail Market Inquiry. The Commission is conducting an inquiry into the grocery retail market to understand the general state of competition into the sector.

The Commission believes there are features in the grocery retail sector that may be preventing, distorting or restricting competition and, ultimately, adversely affecting consumers and households.

The focus, among other things, includes:

1. The impact (negative and positive effects) of the entry of national supermarket chains into townships, peri-urban areas and rural areas and the informal economy;
2. The impact of long term exclusive lease agreements and the role of financiers;
3. Regulations and by-laws as a barrier to entry and expansion in the sector; and
4. The impact of buyer groups and buyer power of purchasers of fast moving consumer goods on competition in the sector.

The details of the press conference are as follows:

DATE: Wednesday 29 May 2019 • **TIME:** 11:30 for 12:00

PLACE: DTI Campus, Competition Commission Red Room, Block C
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