

Regulator renews non-exec contracts

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Alan Pickering (pic) and Chris Swinson have been reappointed as non-executive directors of the Pensions Regulator.

Both have already spent four years as inaugural non-executive directors at the organisation and will begin new four-year contracts on February 8.

Pickering is currently director of Bestrustees and was made chairman at the start of this month. He is also chair of the Plumbing Industry Pension Scheme.

He led a review into the simplification of private pension provision in 2001, which led to the publication of *A Simpler Way to Better Pensions* in 2002.

Swinson is comptroller and auditor-general of Jersey and



works as an expert witness in financial cases, having previously been a senior partner at BDO Stoy Hayward.

He was a council member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and was president between 1998 and 1999.

He commented: "I am very

pleased to be reappointed. The work of the Pensions Regulator is important, especially given the current economic conditions and the government's pension reforms."

Secretary of state for work and pensions James Purnell made the announcement, while regulator chairman David Norgrove said he was delighted at the appointments.

"They have both played a key role in overseeing the successful development of the regulator. I look forward to continuing to work with them in the future," he said.

Pickering added: "To be reappointed at a time of such economic turbulence is an honour and a challenge. I will cherish the former and do my utmost to respond to the latter."