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## LIBOR Transition

In July 2017, the FCA announced that it would not guarantee the survival of LIBOR after the end of 2021. The transition from LIBOR to chosen risk-free rates has occupied the derivatives, securities and loan markets and early market engagement around the question of establishing term rates has proven particularly challenging. Authorities around the world have grappled with possible methods by which they may help the market to transition away from LIBOR, especially in relation to those legacy contracts which may not be easily amended. The FMLC published a paper, surveying the uncertainties arising in the context of LIBOR transition and the steps being taken by authorities so as to draw attention to any residual issues.

Read / download the paper [here](#).

## FMLC Response: Payments Services Landscape Review

In July 2020, HM Treasury issued a Call for Evidence in relation to its Payments Services Landscape Review, setting out its aims for payments networks in the U.K. and seeking responses to questions relating to future opportunities and risks. The FMLC has submitted a response noting that no consideration has been given to changes to payments services which maybe anticipated given the development of financial technologies based on distributed ledger technology (“DLT”). Market participants and authorities around the world are exploring the opportunity for DLT innovation in this area.

Read / download the letter [here](#).

## FMLC Response: Proposed Cryptoassets Promotions Regime

HM Government has published a Consultation on its proposal to expand the perimeter of the financial promotions regime to include cryptoasset promotions. For this purpose, the Cryptoasset Promotions Proposal sets out a definition of a “qualifying cryptoasset”. The FMLC has submitted a response to the Consultation to draw attention to concerns with regards the definition, highlighting the possibility that the definition may not offer the specificity and certainty required to determine which cryptoassets fall within the proposed regime.

The FMLC’s second observation relates more generally to attempts being made around the world to define cryptoassets for the purposes of regulation. The FMLC would encourage authorities to consider the uncertainty which might be caused by a proliferation of sometimes-conflicting or overlapping definitions.

Read / download the letter [here](#).

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