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Supervising DC schemes in the UK

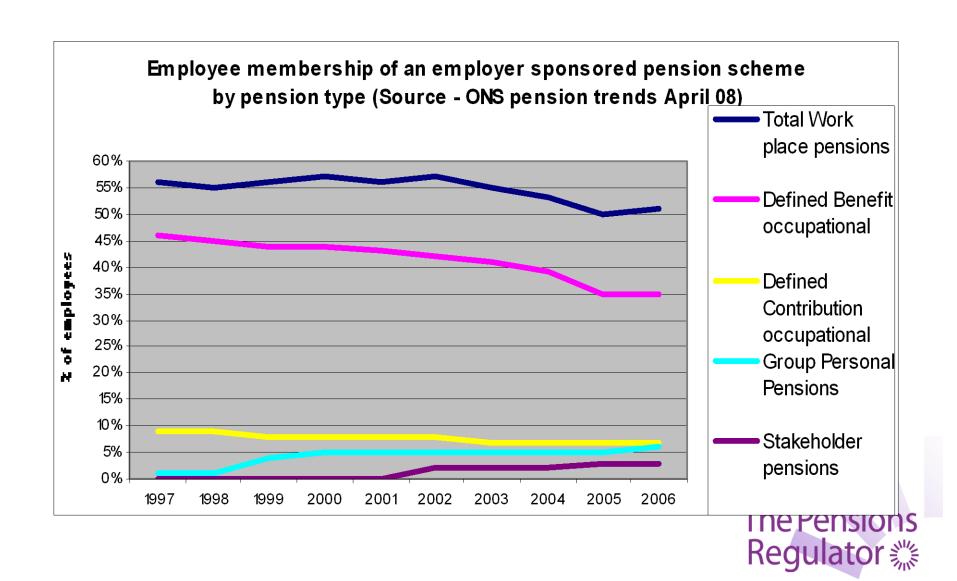
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Overview

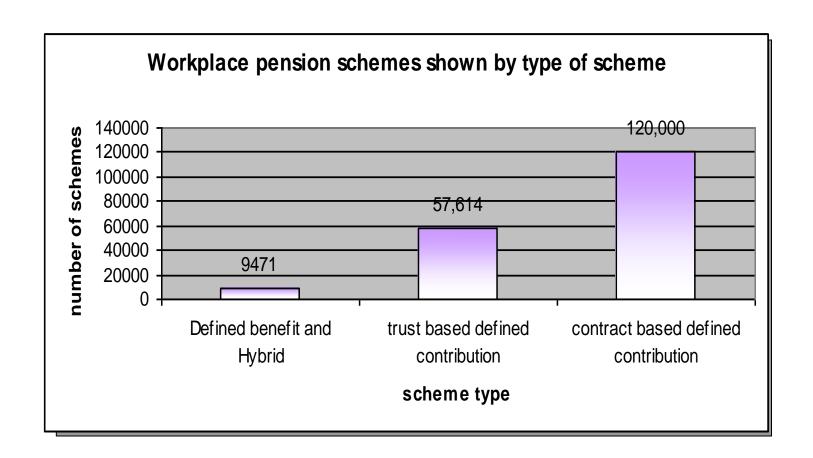
- DC Landscape
- Regulatory Approach
- DC Issues



The existing pensions landscape is changing

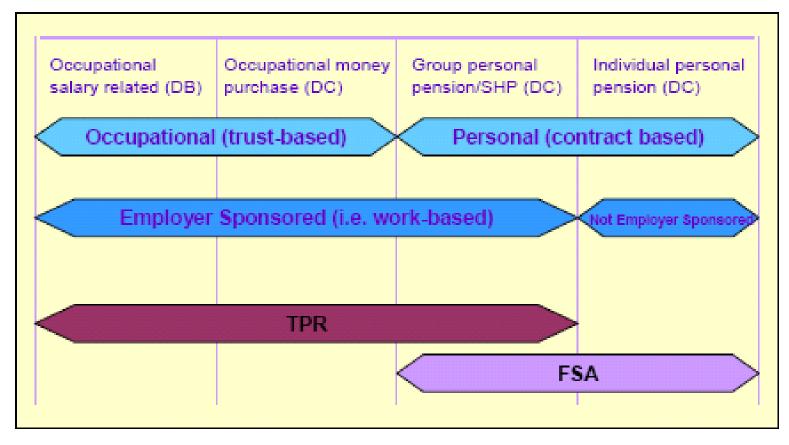


Pensions Universe - schemes





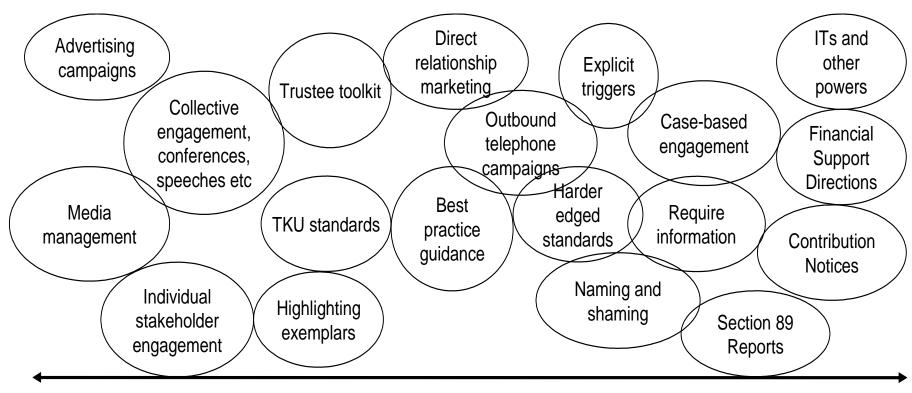
Pensions landscape



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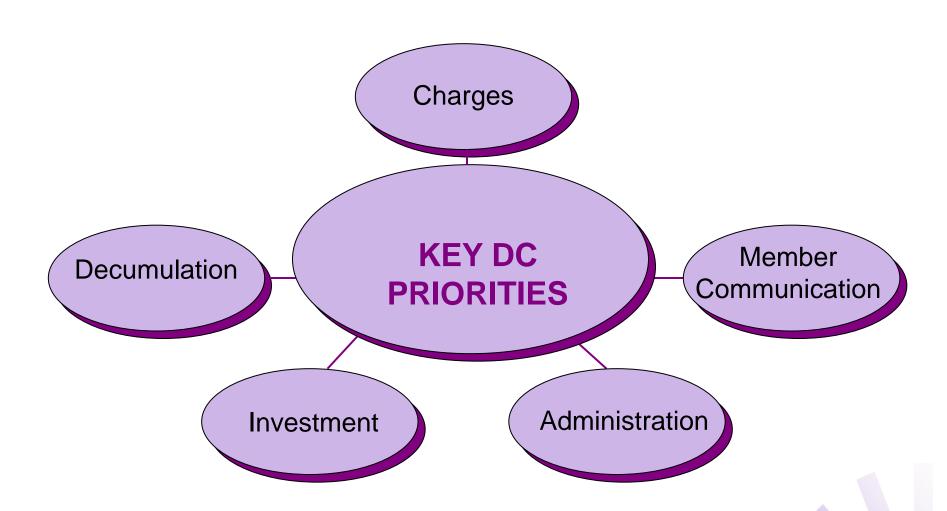


Regulatory Interventions



Educate Enable Enforce







Member communications

- Number one DC risk?
 -Join
 -Contribution level
 -Fund
 -Taking benefits
- Trustee guidance on member communications
- Member guide on investment



Investment

- Member's choice of funds
- The default option
- The Investment Governance Group
 - Effective decision-making
 - Clear objectives
 - Risk and liabilities
 - Performance and assessment
 - Responsible ownership
 - Transparency and reporting

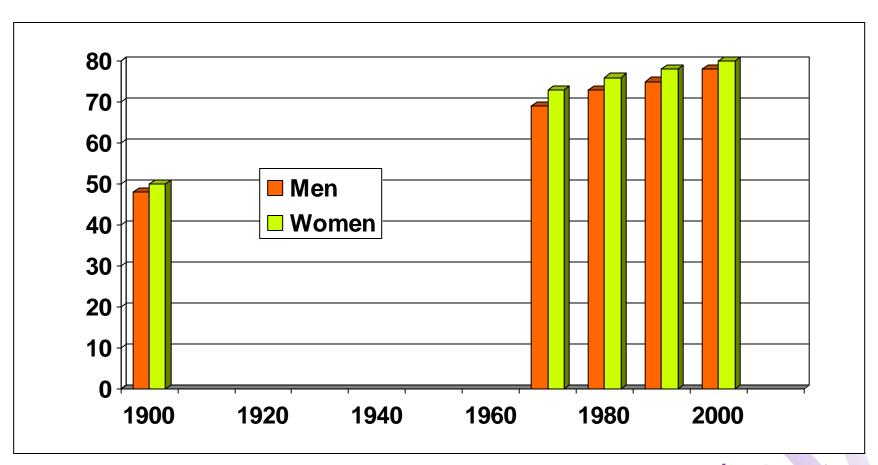


Administration

- Specific statutory objective
- The glue that holds a scheme together
- Not delivering accurate or timely benefits
- Transfers
- Record-keeping guidance
- Wind-up focus



Retirement – life's longest holiday!





Decumulation

- Retirement options guidance published
- Critical stage in members' retirement planning process
- Trustees have a key role to play
- Open market option
- Importance of good advice



Charges

- Focus on charges borne by members
- Many schemes under 1% pa
- Transparency



Summary

- DC is one of our 4 strategic themes
- Key aims are to educate and enable
- Enforce as a last resort
- Key performance indicators to track progress
- 2012 changes

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