

## Security solution not necessarily best route for registration

Proposals for the Security Industry Authority (SIA) to regulate bailiffs — now called enforcement agents — seem to be on hold for the foreseeable future. The Department for Constitutional Affairs (formerly the Lord Chancellors' Department) was advised of the need to regulate the sector by a working party led by Professor Lord Desai (*PR* June 2004). The SIA was identified as the best placed agency to regulate enforcement agents.

Andy Rose, managing director of debt recovery firm Bristow & Sutor, told *Parking Review*: "In addition to the requirement to belong to a professional body, it is proposed that enforcement agents be licensed through a regulatory body, proposed to be the SIA. However, there is currently no confirmation of when, or if, this will even take place."

New legislation would be needed to extend the SIA's remit beyond its current responsibility for manned guards, CCTV operators, private wheel clampers, door supervisors and security consultants. The SIA's media relations manager Robert Buxton told *Parking Review*: "Regulating enforcement agents is still under consideration but no time scale has been set. It is not on the list yet. There would have to be changes to our remit, but the idea is sensible."