The interface between Government and economic regulation

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The Question

Is the UK Government’s view of economic regulation changing?
Reasons for raising the question:

Use of sector-specific White Papers
Threat of intervention on ‘fuel poverty’
Growth in Ministerial powers (Planning, Regulatory Enforcement & Sanctions)
Spate of Govt commissioned reviews? (Cave (water competition), Pilling (air traffic & airports) Hooper/Hutton/Smith (postal services))
Change in the ‘mood music’
Change at the top
Discussion

Is this a discernible trend?
If so, what – if anything – should we do about it:
– defending our record?
– illustrating the downsides of Government intervention?
– Acknowledging any mistakes & setting about rectifying them?

Any role for the JRG?