“Price comparison websites dominate the insurance market, but are less prevalent in other areas of financial services. More needs to be done to improve the search journey for products like current accounts and credit cards, such as by offering better filtering tools and capturing consumer preferences.”

– Jessica Galletley, Senior Financial Services Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- The tech threat: should existing providers fear the likes of Amazon?
- Rewards breed false loyalty

Consumers have mostly positive experiences of using price comparison websites, with the majority recognising that this is often the only way to find the best deal for a product. However, they still experience frustrations, namely having to use multiple sites to check for the best deal and receiving irrelevant product suggestions.

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