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Secretary of State

Support for UK Food and Drink Exporters overseas

I am writing further to my questions to the Prime Minister at the Liaison Committee on 7 July [QQ117 – 122 in the [transcript](#)] regarding support for UK food and drink exporters in overseas markets. As you know the need to address the lack of support our exporters receive from the UK Government to sell the UK's world leading food and drink overseas, especially compared to our competitors, has been a longstanding concern of the EFRA Committee and something highlighted by the recent report by the Government's Trade and Agriculture Commission. In his answers the Prime Minister said that:

In 119 markets—by markets, I mean countries—we have specific staff dedicated to agriculture, food and drink [Q 121]

I would be grateful if you could clarify:

- Which markets are covered in the 119 the Prime Minister referred to?
- How many full-time equivalent staff are “dedicated to agriculture, food and drink” exports, and how many have responsibility for agriculture food and drink as part of a wider role?
- How many of those are based in country, and how many markets have dedicated staff physically based in them?

I would be grateful for an answer by 21 July.

Yours Sincerely

Neil Parish
Chair of the Committee