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ANSWERS

BUSINESS, INNOVATION AND SKILLS

■ Manufacturing Industries: North East

Chi Onwurah: [\[41685\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, what meetings he has had with manufacturers in the North East on the (a) immediate effect of the result of the EU referendum and (b) short to long-term effects of the UK leaving the EU.

Mr Nick Hurd:

[Holding answer 7 July 2016]: On 28 June my Rt hon Friend the then Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills (Sajid Javid) chaired a Business Roundtable with representatives from the UK's largest sectors that included manufacturing representatives who also cover those based in the North East.

EDUCATION

■ Education: Assessments

Nic Dakin: [\[43102\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what work her Department is undertaking to determine how effectively schools use assessment data to improve educational outcomes.

Nick Gibb:

We trust schools to implement an assessment system that uses data effectively to support teaching and improve educational outcomes. Following the removal of levels, schools now have the freedom to determine their own system for non-statutory assessment between key stages, tailored to the needs of their pupils and their curriculum.

The Department supports and encourages the use of assessment to support effective teaching. This has included setting up the Commission on Assessment Without Levels to provide guidance for schools when devising and implementing their systems for non-statutory assessment. The Commission completed and published its final report in September 2015 and is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/commission-on-assessment-without-levels-final-report>.

As part of the Government's 'Workload Challenge', the Department set up three independent review groups to address ineffective marking, use of planning and resources and data management. These reports included clear messages to empower classroom teachers and school leaders to challenge unproductive practice. They also included specific recommendations for Government, which we have accepted. The workload review reports were published on 26 March 2016 and can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reducing-teachers-workload/reducing-teachers-workload>.

Assessment was also one of the areas considered by the independent expert group, chaired by Stephen Munday CBE, which has developed a framework of core content for initial teaching training (ITT). The group's report, including the new framework of core content for ITT, was published on 12 July 2016 and can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/initial-teacher-training-government-response-to-carter-review>.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

■ Overseas Trade

Mr David Lammy: [43431]

To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what estimate his Department has made of how long it will take to negotiate bilateral trade deals with (a) USA, (b) China, (c) Japan, (d) Canada and (e) other large non-EU trading partners once the UK leaves the EU.

Greg Hands:

I refer the Rt hon Member to the answer of 21 July to UIN [42585](#).

■ Trade Agreements

Jonathan Edwards: [42715]

To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, when he plans to publish a basic set of guiding principles to govern future trade negotiations.

Greg Hands:

My Rt Hon Friend the Prime Minister has established the Department for International Trade to promote British trade across the world and ensure the UK takes advantage of the huge opportunities open to us. The Government is reviewing trade policy and is committed to ensuring that the UK remains open for business and continues to grow and thrive. We have a unique opportunity to shape a bright future for the UK as a global trading nation and open economy. Over the coming weeks and months the new Department for International Trade will engage with a wide range of stakeholders as we develop our trade strategy.

Mr David Lammy: [43398]

To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what plans his Department has to hire third party contractors to support its work on trade negotiations; what the duration of such contracts will be; and what estimate his Department has made of the cost to the public purse of such contractors over the lifetime of those contracts.

Mr David Lammy:

[\[43430\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what estimate his Department has made of the number of trade negotiators required to negotiate the UK's trade deals when the UK leaves the EU.

Mr David Lammy:

[\[43433\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, how many trade negotiators are employed by his Department.

Greg Hands:

The Rt hon Member will be aware that my Rt hon Friend the Prime Minister has created a new Department for International Trade, which is responsible for promoting British trade across the world and ensuring the UK takes advantage of the huge opportunities open to us. We are building up our trade policy capability. The new Department has begun a process to recruit and train staff to work on the UK's trade policy. We will adapt the resource devoted to trade policy in line with future demands.

JUSTICE

■ Ministry of Justice: Temporary Employment

Andy Slaughter:

[\[40990\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Answer of 10 December 2015 to Question 18873, what proportion of his Department's staff were agency workers covering (a) operational uniformed staff and (b) clerical agency staff in each year since 2010.

Mr Sam Gyimah:

We only use temporary staff to fill business-critical posts and essential frontline services, where they can offer a fast, flexible and efficient way of providing skills not currently available in-house.

The proportion of the department's staff agency workers either covering operational uniformed staff or clerical agency staff is displayed in the following table. Data prior to 2011/12 is not available.

YEAR-END DATE	PROPORTION OF OPERATIONAL UNIFORMED STAFF	PROPORTION OF CLERICAL AGENCY STAFF
31/03/2012	1.92%	0.58%
31/03/2013	2.03%	0.76%
31/03/2014	3.17%	1.14%
31/03/2015	4.61%	1.61%