



## Department for International Trade

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Dear Frank Cox,

Thank you for your email of 6 August where you requested the following information:

Please can you provide a list of the of the current Advisers to the Board of Trade and their dates of appointment.

Please can you provide a list of any previous Advisers to the Board of Trade, the dates of their appointments and the dates they vacated the position.

A list was previously published on the Board of Trade Website on the .gov.uk website, please can you explain why this information is no longer published, including if any consideration was given to any best practice regarding Government Transparency

Please can you provide information on the decision making process for who is appointed to the Board of Trade, and the Person/Persons responsible for making such a decision

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

The Department for International Trade does not hold any information pertaining to a current list of advisers to the UK Board of Trade, and their dates of appointment, as this information is yet to be determined. Once the department holds this information it will be published on the UK Board of Trade website on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk).

A previous list of advisors (please see below) published on the UK Board of Trade website has since been removed, as the Board in its previous form has been stood down. The Department for

International Trade is committed to government transparency. The decision to remove the previous list of advisers is to ensure all published information is accurate.

The UK Board of Trade is appointed by a process known as Direct Ministerial Appointment and follows Cabinet Office Propriety & Ethics guidelines on these appointments. This means that individuals are appointed at the discretion of the Secretary of State. The roles are taken on a voluntary basis and are not remunerated.

Please see below a list of previous appointees:

<b>Adviser</b>	<b>Date Appointed</b>	<b>Date vacated</b>
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland	October 2017	July 2020
Secretary of State for Scotland	October 2017	July 2020
Secretary of State for Wales	October 2017	July 2020
Lord Mayor of the City of London	October 2017	July 2020
Sir Charles Bowman, Senior Partner PwC	November 2018 (previously October 2017 – November 2018 in role as Lord Mayor of City of London)	July 2020
Marnie Millard OBE, CEO Nichols Group Plc	October 2017	July 2020
Iqbal Ahmed OBE, CEO Seamark Ltd	October 2017	July 2020
Collette Roche, Chief Executive Officer, Manchester United	October 2017	July 2020
Rt Hon Patricia Hewitt	October 2017	July 2020
Andrew Mills, Tech founder and FinTech consultant	October 2017	July 2020
Edward Timpson, former MP for Crewe and Nantwich	October 2017	July 2020
Rt Hon Greg Hands MP	May 2019	July 2020
Lord Rowe-Beddoe	October 2017	July 2020
Professor Heather Stevens OBE, Chair of the Waterloo Foundation	October 2017	July 2020
Rt Hon Brian Wilson, CEO Harris Tweeds	October 2017	July 2020
Professor Richard Williams, Vice-Principal Chancellor, Heriot-Watt University	June 2019	July 2020
Mark Nodder	October 2017	July 2020

Ian Curl, CEO Eddington	October 2017	February 2019
Stephen Kelly, Chief Executive, Manufacturing NI	May 2019	July 2020
Karen Betts	May 2019	July 2020

## Appeals procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to the Information Rights Unit:

Information Rights Unit  
Department for International Trade  
3 Whitehall Place  
London  
SW1A 2AW Email: [foi@trade.gov.uk](mailto:foi@trade.gov.uk)

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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