<u>Secretary of State for International</u> <u>Trade announces Australasia HM Trade</u> Commissioner

One of the greatest achievements in the three years since the Department for International Trade was established has been the creation of Her Majesty's Trade Commissioners, as we committed to in our manifesto.

There are now nine in place, supporting UK business across the globe. I am passionate about increasing the size of the overseas DIT network.

Therefore, I am delighted to announce today that, as part of my vision for the Department for International Trade to drive UK prosperity, we intend to create a tenth Trade Commissioner for Australasia. This announcement reflects the importance of this region.

Further details on timing and the process to recruit will be available in due course".