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This is the final edition of eNews marking GAD's centenary year.

To celebrate GAD's centenary, eNews has run a series of 'deep dives' into key areas in which our actuaries have contributed to public life over the last 100 years. In this edition of eNews we include the last article in our 4-part series, which looks at our work providing investment and modelling advice to the government and other public sector organisations.

As befitting teams of actuaries, we also look at 2019 in numbers and see what we've achieved over the past 12 months.

Finally, we also share successes from our secondments programme. This scheme is now a core, and significant, part of our offer to our clients with benefits for our people as well.

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## [PM call with Chancellor Merkel: 13 December](#)



The Chancellor congratulated him on the result of the election and they spoke about the importance of maintaining the strong relationship between Germany and the UK.

The leaders looked forward to meeting early next year.

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## PM call with Taoiseach Leo Varadkar: 13 December



The Taoiseach congratulated the Prime Minister on securing a majority in the election, and the Prime Minister thanked him for his kind words.

In relation to Northern Ireland, the Prime Minister made clear that his top priority is the restoration of a functioning Executive as soon as possible. He said that the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Julian Smith, will dedicate himself to a talks process ensure the devolved institutions are restored.

The Prime Minister updated the Taoiseach on the timings for the reintroduction of the Withdrawal Agreement Bill next week and its passage through Parliament to ensure the UK leaves the EU on 31 January.

The leaders also spoke about the importance of building on the strong relationship between their two countries and looked forward to meeting again in person soon.

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## PM call with President Trump: 16 December 2019



The Prime Minister spoke with President Trump, who congratulated him on the result of the General Election.

They discussed the huge importance of the relationship between the UK and US, and looked forward to continued close cooperation on issues such as security and trade, including the negotiation of an ambitious free trade agreement.

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## [ESFA Update: 18 December 2019](#)

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