

Douglas Alexander MP House of Commons London SW1A 0AA

February 2011 Our ref: 3881W 10/11 Robert Chote Chairman

20 Victoria Street London SW1H ONF

Tel: +44 (0) 20 7271 2509

robert.chote@obr.gsi.gov.uk

budgetresponsibility.independent.gov.uk

Re: UK exports forecast

As Chair of the Budget Responsibility Committee of the Office for Budget Responsibility, I have been asked to reply to your recent question:

To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, what forecasts the Office for Budget Responsibility made of UK exports to different (a) countries and (b) regions of the world as part of the November 2010 Economic and Fiscal Outlook. 39931

The OBR's November 2010 forecast for total UK exports was based on our assessment of the prospects for aggregate UK export market growth and price competitiveness. However, the OBR does not currently produce a forecast for UK exports disaggregated to country or regional level.

Yours sincerely

Robert Chote Chairman