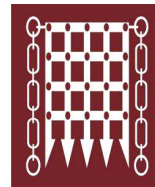


**Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum Keynote Seminar:
Priorities for UK food security post-Brexit: investment, innovation and regulation**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 21st September 2017

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Latest implications of Brexit: markets, trade and consumers**
Sian Edmunds, Partner, Burges Salmon
- 9.15 - 10.10 **UK food supply and the international market**
What should be the priorities for trade policy during and post-Brexit to support growth in the UK agri-food economy and provide consumers with access to quality and affordable produce from the international market? With regard to trading relationships with EU member states and in light of a reported UK agri-food trade gap of €35 billion in 2016, how will current commercial strategies need to adapt and where are the greatest trade opportunities internationally? What options may be available to government to mitigate the potential impact of Brexit on the cost and availability of imported food products, particularly for lower-income families? What should be the UK's future contribution to international food security as part of wider international development objectives?
Professor Charles Godfray, Hope Professor and Director, Oxford Martin Programme on the Future of Food, University of Oxford
Helen Munday, Chief Scientific Officer, Food and Drink Federation
Senior representative, retail
Senior representative, international
Questions and comments from the floor with **Sian Edmunds**, Partner, Burges Salmon
- 10.10 - 11.05 **Supporting domestic food production - funding, innovation and collaboration**
What are the priorities for increasing domestic food production capacity and the market for UK food products? With Brexit offering an opportunity to review existing regulations on novel foods and processes, how well positioned is the UK to respond to any changes and drive innovation in agricultural processes and support food security? What issues might such changes raise for regulation, consumers and environmental protection, and how UK produce is seen internationally? With the security of EU funding only guaranteed for existing agri-food research projects, how should the UK government approach funding support after the UK leaves the EU? How can the UK maintain its world-leading position in agri-food science and how might sector businesses, research institutions, technology providers and others need to develop their collaborative approach going forward? How can knowledge transfer be improved to advance the speed of implementing innovation?
Jayne Brookman, Head of AgriFood, Knowledge Transfer Network, Innovate UK
Dr Helen Ferrier, Acting Head of Policy Services, NFU
Senior representative, research
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 - 11.35 Coffee
- 11.35 - 11.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.40 - 11.55 **The future for food regulation post-EU**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- 11.55 - 12.55 **The way forward for UK agri-food policy - opportunities, standards and sustainability**
What are the most promising opportunities for the UK outside of the EU to review regulations governing food and the environment, in seeking new markets and increasing productivity levels? What should the priorities be for policymakers in safeguarding sustainability and safety in food production in the face of pressures of negotiating new trade agreements, increasing growth and repositioning the UK food and drink brand? What opportunities does the UK now have in terms of improving evidence-based policy making for food production?
Phil Bicknell, Market Intelligence Director, AHDB
Speaker confirmed from **Monsanto**
Senior representative, environment
Senior representative, trade
Questions and comments from the floor with senior speaker to be confirmed
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum