Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by James Milligan MLA -

Ref: CMTEDD Annual Report, Output 3.1, Innovation, Trade and Investment

In relation to: Office for International Engagement

1. How many (a) full time, (b) part time, and (c) casual staff are employed in the Office for International Engagement?

2. Have any changes been made to the International Engagement Strategy over the past year?
   a. If not, why not?

3. What are the priority markets for 2019-20 and each year beyond to the end of the strategy?

Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:

1.
   a. Four FTE’s are allocated, three of which are currently filled. A recruitment process is underway to fill the fourth.
   b. Nil
   c. Nil

2. No.
   a. The International Engagement Strategy was launched in September 2016. It is currently under review to ensure it still captures our priority markets and capability areas.

3. Priority markets as identified in the International Engagement Strategy include:
   - Singapore
   - New Zealand
   - China
   - United States of America
   - Japan
   - India
   - South Korea
   - Indonesia
   - Malaysia
   - Thailand
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By the Acting Minister for Trade, Industry and Investment, Yvette Berry MLA