

Department for International Trade (DIT)

Key Statistics

- **total estate running cost** (annual, gross) = £17.2 million (UK)
- **holdings** (number of buildings) = 19 including 5 in London (UK), 177 (international on 1HMG Platform)
- **floorspace** (offices) = 16,498 sq.m (London), plus other flexible shared space in government offices (UK)
- **staff number** (headcount, including UKEF) = around 2400 domestic staff based in the UK, plus c1400 overseas staff
- **locations** (towns & cities) = 14 (UK); 108 (international)

Our Business

The Department for International Trade (DIT) helps businesses export, drives inward and outward investment, negotiates market access and trade deals, and champions free trade.

Our work supports productivity and our economy, providing our businesses with access to new markets, and in turn new processes, technologies and better supplies. This improves people's living standards as they benefit from greater choice at lower prices. Equally, by driving global prosperity, trade and international investment contribute to global stability and security, as well as increasing the UK's influence globally.

We will deliver our 4 core objectives

1. Support and encourage UK businesses to drive sustainable international growth
2. Ensure the UK remains a leading destination for international investment and maintains its number one position for international investment stock in Europe
3. Open markets, building a trade framework with new and existing partners which is free and fair
4. Use trade and investment to underpin the government's agenda for a Global Britain and its ambitions for prosperity, stability and security worldwide

And enable these by our fifth corporate objective

5. Build DIT as an effective international economic department where our people are expert, enterprising, engaged and inclusive¹

Our Estate

DIT operates internationally in 108 countries from 177 locations around the world, utilising the One-HMG platform hosted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO).

As a relatively newly formed and still growing department DIT has had quickly to accommodate an increasing number of staff. Consequently the department's London estate is currently dispersed throughout the Whitehall campus where we hold accommodation at 3

¹ Further information available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/department-for-international-trade-single-departmental-plan/department-for-international-trade-single-departmental-plan-may-2018>

Whitehall Place and 55 Whitehall as the sole occupier, and share government accommodation in King Charles Street, 1 Horse Guards, and Windsor House.

In addition to London, the department operates from a dispersed portfolio in 13 locations across the UK, utilising existing government accommodation where available.

The new Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) will be based in Reading.

We are working with GPA and other delivery partners to deliver our Strategic Asset Management Plan over the next 2-5 years. We will look to consolidate our London footprint and maximise the use of our wider UK estate in line with DIT and government ambitions. We will also look to optimise use of the public estate for our operation, where possible, through the Government Hub and One Public Estate initiatives.

Our Smart Working strategy being developed through 2018/19 will enable us to transform our culture, reconfiguring working practices and physical environments to achieve our ambition as 'OneDIT', a department that embodies an expert, enterprising, engaged and inclusive workforce, offers a great place to work, and sustains a brilliant civil service. We will continue to support our people in working more collaboratively across our portfolio, with modern working environments and technology, more efficient use of space, and at reduced costs.

We will continue to work with GPA as our requirements develop and we optimise asset performance, enabled by smarter working and modern space management. The department has already achieved or exceeded the 2018 efficiency target of 8 sq.m per Full Time Equivalent (FTE) and will continue to optimise where the opportunity arises. Where appropriate we will consider the use of emerging Government Hubs.

DIT will support the Government Estate Strategy to deliver a significant estate transformation/reform programme by optimising our space and negotiating flexible arrangements with our government landlords to meet the changing demands of the department. During 2018/19 we will finalise our estates strategy.

Our Capability

We will maintain our small internal client function team of qualified and experienced estates, health and safety, and security professionals, to deliver high performing capability in support of our business aims. We will work with Estates Shared Services and external partners to deliver operations and facilities management where appropriate and cost effective.