

HM Government

Review into the Integrity and Assurance of Food Supply Networks

Elliott Review update – October 2013

Progress on the Review has been moving apace since the call for evidence closed on the 7th August. We received over 70 responses, so thank you to all those who have submitted evidence to us.

Since then I have appointed some 'Subject Matter Experts' to assist me with the Review. Professor Pat Troop, Professor Jim Scudamore, Mike Steel, Michael Walker and Gary Copson will be providing their expertise on a range of topics over the course of the Review and have already been a valuable addition to the Review process.

Over the last two months we have been going across the country to meet with businesses from all aspects of the food supply chain, including Young's Seafood in Grimsby, McDonalds in Dungannon and Skipton, Morrisons in Colne among others.

Our next task is to complete the interim report, which will be submitted to Ministers in December. Mary Newman, the Secretary to the Review, will be putting a first draft together before she moves on to a new post at the end of November. I'll be sorry to see her go, but am very pleased to be welcoming Sarah Appleby, on loan from the FSA, to the team as Mary's successor. Sarah will be joining us at the beginning of November to start looking at how we can proceed from the interim report in the New Year, working with Mary until the end of the month.

I am looking forward to getting the views of Ministers and others to my interim report in December and will be doing some more visits and meetings to discuss these initial findings in January. Until then, you can keep up to date on what we are doing on our Twitter feed, @Elliott_Review, and we will continue to publish the notes of the meetings we have been having on the website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/policy-advisory-groups/review-into-the-integrity-and-assurance-of-food-supply-networks#contact-details>

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