UK trade missions to the Arctic

During the Committee’s oral evidence session conducted on 9 July 2014, FCO officials promised to write to the Committee confirming details of any specific trade missions the UK has conducted to the Arctic.

The UK has not conducted any Arctic-specific trade missions to the Arctic in the last three years. However, as Jane Rumble, Head of the Polar Regions Department said in her oral evidence, there have been a number of trade missions to some of the Arctic States that have had an Arctic element.

Examples in the last three years include:

- UKTI Oslo have run three trade missions to Norway for companies in partnership with Scottish Development International;

- UKTI Oslo have run two missions for NOF (the North-East’s trade association) covering opportunities for the offshore industry. Approximately 40 delegates participated who covered a wide range of services and supplies for the oil and gas sector;

- UKTI Helsinki organised a mining cluster trade mission to Finland in March 2013. The British delegates came from the Association of Mining Analysts, Association of British Mining Equipment Companies, British Water, Imperial College London and Mineral Industry Research Organisation. Together the UK organisations represented over 600 individual companies, involved in mining related products and services from different sides of the cluster.

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