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Dear Lord Waverley,

As National Statistician and Chief Executive of the UK Statistics Authority, I am responding to your Parliamentary Question asking what percentage of UK exports derive from inwards investment into the UK (**HL7457**).

Inward Foreign Affiliate Statistics (IFATS) holds information such as the turnover, number of employees, and levels of imports and exports relating to foreign-owned UK affiliates. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) no longer compiles these data due to the removal of international requirements following Britain's withdrawal from the European Union. However, it plans to redevelop these in the future.

Table 1 shows the latest IFATS data for the UK, which are available from the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD)¹, up to 2017.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Sir Ian Diamond

¹https://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=FATS_IN3_SERV#

Table 1: UK inward activity of multinationals, total activity, world total, 2010-2017²

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of enterprises	21,210	20,044	20,981	21,432	22,229	22,964	22,415	24,097
Number of persons employed	3,263,412	3,309,991	3,475,901	3,498,874	3,555,356	3,672,608	3,755,759	3,728,859
Turnover (£m)	1,025,564	1,155,153	1,218,998	1,257,659	1,252,954	1,106,701	1,142,805	1,271,741
Number of employees	3,214,794	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Production value (£m)	581,826	648,058	665,938	713,877	732,676	750,358	737,905	773,585
Value added at factor cost (£m)	230,541	247,151	253,029	262,544	292,410	302,629	299,085	301,362
Personnel costs (£m)	107,910	115,813	124,508	129,104	134,968	141,158	146,171	153,066
Gross investment in tangible goods (£m)	30,817	36,325	41,670	43,179	49,675	56,959	56,750	51,480
Gross operating surplus (£m)	122,631	131,338	128,521	133,439	157,442	161,471	152,914	148,297
Exports of goods and services (£m)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Imports of goods and services (£m)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Intra-group exports (£m)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Intra-group imports (£m)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Intramural R&D expenditure (£m)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Number of R&D personnel	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Source: OECD

² ‘..’ signifies not available