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By email

**Ref: DSC 51/25: REGULATION (EU) 2024/3110 LAYING DOWN
HARMONISED RULES FOR THE MARKETING OF CONSTRUCTION
PRODUCTS AND REPEALING REGULATION (EU) NO. 305/2011**

Dear Jessica,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 16th January, in which you asked whether the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) can provide information on the scale of trade in construction products between Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and whether NISRA has carried out an analysis of the impact of Regulation (EU) 2024/3110.

I very much welcome the Committee's interest in NISRA's [NI Economic Trade Statistics](#). These are derived on an annual basis from a large-scale statutory business survey of around 11,000 NI businesses.

While they provide information on the scale of trade by the NI construction industry between Great Britain and Northern Ireland, they do not contain information on trade in specific construction products. The latter is not included in the survey and, as such, is not available. NISRA has not carried out any analysis of the impact of Regulation (EU) 2024/3110.

However, should it be of interest and use to the committee, Table 1 presents the purchases of goods and services from GB by the NI construction industry

between 2019 and 2023 (the latest year for which information is available). Table 2 presents the corresponding sales of goods and services to GB by the NI construction industry for the same period.

Table 1: Purchases of goods and services from GB by the NI Construction Industry, 2019-2023 (£m)

Year	Goods	Services	All Transactions
2019	545	635	1,180
2020	562	956	1,518
2021	657	478	1,136
2022	906	537	1,443
2023	835	1,030	1,865

Table 2: Sales of goods and services to GB by the NI Construction Industry, 2019-2023 (£m)

Year	Goods	Services	All Transactions
2019	449	1,414	1,863
2020	271	1,840	2,111
2021	262	2,222	2,485
2022	214	1,826	2,040
2023	301	2,239	2,541

Although this is not the precise, detailed information being sought, I trust that this will nevertheless be informative and of use to the committee. I regret that I am unable to be more helpful on this occasion.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Philip Wales,

**Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency and
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16 January 2025

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Dear Philip,

Regulation (EU) 2024/3110 laying down harmonised rules for the marketing of construction products and repealing Regulation (EU) No 305/2011

The Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee (DSC) is currently holding an inquiry into Regulation (EU) 2024/3110. At its meeting today (16 January 2025), it heard evidence from officials from the Department of Finance, Department for Infrastructure and Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs. It also considered an [updated Explanatory Memorandum](#) from the UK Government on the Regulation.

Officials in attendance and the UK Government were unable to provide the Committee with information on the scale of trade in construction products between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Therefore, the DSC agreed that I should contact you to ask whether the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) can provide this information, and to ask whether NISRA has carried out an analysis of the impact of Regulation (EU) 2024/3110.

The Committee works to tight statutory deadlines and must agree its final report at its meeting on 23 January 2025. I would therefore request a response by 22 January 2025 (COB) to allow for this information to be considered by the DSC during its inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

**Jessica Jacques, Senior Assistant Clerk
Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee**