

access, quite literally, to the whole world. As a country, we are well regarded, almost everywhere; as a people, we come from literally everywhere, and those personal connections to other cultures, other markets, are alive and waiting to be worked.

You in this room have to make the sales; but we in the government have to make them possible.

I am here today to ask you both to do your job, and to help me do mine.

My colleague, Jim Kelleher and I need to know - early - what practical changes in policy or approach you think new ministers should introduce. We need to know what has been going wrong if we are going to be able to set it right.

This government is two weeks old today. We have begun some of the changes the nation needs, and will meet Parliament early next month. Our mandate is to build a strong future for an extraordinary country.

We need more than your prayers - and more than your advice - although both will be welcome. We want you to apply the best of your enterprise, and your imagination, and your skill - to opening and keeping the markets this nation need to excel in the world.