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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
(Minister for Services, Small Business
and Exports)

Gareth Thomas MP



Biography

Gareth Thomas was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Services, Small Businesses and Exports) at the Department for Business and Trade on 9 July 2024. He was elected as the MP for Harrow West in July 2024.

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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports)

Responsibilities include:

- local growth
- small businesses
- Post Office
- scale-ups
- retail and hospitality
- Professional and Business Services
- access to finance
- Ukraine reconstruction
- export strategy
- export support service
- outward direct investment
- trade missions, shows and campaigns
- Osaka Expo
- UK Export Finance (UKEF)

- trade envoys

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State is responsible for the following public bodies:

- Post Office
- British Business Bank
- Small Business Commissioner

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Announcements

New plans revealed to save small firms £22,000 a year and improve access to cash

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03 December 2024 Press release

Second UK-Ukraine TechBridge Industry Steering Board Communiqué

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29 November 2024 News story

Government backs next generation of tech scale ups

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14 November 2024 Press release

International Trade Week 2024 open for businesses to go global

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11 November 2024 Press release

Flagship Government export initiative to be sponsored by Santander UK

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22 October 2024 Press release

Professor reappointed as UK's International Education Champion

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27 September 2024 News story

Crack down on late payments in major support package for small businesses

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25 September 2024 Press release

New independent appeals system for postmasters impacted by Horizon scandal

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