

# Government Buying Standards for Food and Catering Services – DWP’s commitment

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The Government Buying Standards for food will come into force for all new catering contracts from September 2011, covering food and catering services procured by Government departments and their agencies, including the armed services and prisons.

All food should be produced to UK or equivalent production standards where this does not increase overall costs:

- More food must be produced to higher environmental standards;
- At least 50 per cent of tea and coffee must be fairly traded;
- Fresh produce should be seasonal;
- Food waste must be minimised.

DWP are working closely with its estates provider Telereal Trillium and their sub-contractor for catering services Eurest to maximize compliance with the government commitment where it can be achieved at no extra cost. The attached set of data details the current DWP position with regards our catering services.

<b>Government’s commitment to procure food which has been produced to UK production standards or equivalent.</b>	<b>£ Value % Proportion</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Proportion of food by value which has been produced to UK production standards or equivalent.	£3,036,692 97%	
Action taken or in progress to ensure future contracts reflect the Government’s commitment on food produced to UK or equivalent standards.	Future contracts will reflect the Government’s commitment on food produced to UK or equivalent standards where it does not result in additional cost.	DWP has a 20 year contract with Telereal Trillium running to 2018 for the provision of fully serviced accommodation. Facilities services are delivered through sub-contractors, with Eurest providing the catering service. Eurest undertakes all catering activity including food procurement. DWP work closely with Telereal Trillium and Eurest to maximise compliance with the Government commitment where it can be achieved at no additional cost.

Proportion of food which has been sourced from UK producers.	£351,275 11%	
Proportion of food which has been produced to Farm Assured standards or equivalent.	£185,822 24%	
Proportion of food which has been produced to 'Integrated production standards' or other higher environmental standards, for example LEAF or organic.	£67,124 2%	
Proportion of food is covered by a scheme that addresses animal welfare issues that go beyond minimum legal requirements, for example Freedom Food.	£9,796 2%	
Proportion of fish which, if farmed is certified to 'freedom food' or equivalent and if wild caught, is certified to MSC or equivalent.	£5,493 11%	
Proportion of tea, coffee and sugar certified as 'fair trade' or similar accreditation.	£57,523 47%	