



# Committee of Public Accounts

## A statement from the Chair

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### **Resilience of the food supply chain to disruptions**

**A statement from Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP, Chair of the Committee of Public Accounts:**

*“As a farmer myself, I understand first-hand the complexities and challenges of the UK food supply chain. Recent years have brought rising costs, extreme weather and geopolitical shocks that have tested businesses across the sector. A resilient food supply chain is vital not just to our daily lives, but to the economy and our national security.*

*“Today’s NAO report makes clear that, while the UK has maintained food supplies through recent disruptions, Defra cannot afford to be complacent. As the threat of severe disruption grows, it must strengthen its understanding of supply chain vulnerabilities and take faster action to improve the resilience of government, businesses and communities before these risks become reality.”*

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