

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

ORAL ANSWER

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Index Heading: Economy

Siobhian Brown (Ayr) (Scottish National Party): To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to regional food groups.

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Mairi Gougeon: We support the groups through a £250k annual fund delivered by Scotland Food & Drink which allows groups across the country to resource coordinator posts within each group.

The fund leverages match-funding from partners including local authorities and allows for the establishment of an active network of regional ambassadors who work in conjunction with local authorities to promote regional food and drink and tourism strategies.

This support has ensured that we have 19 Regional Food Groups operating collaboratively within their regions and collectively in partnership across Scotland.