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Dear Chairs,

I am writing to inform you that I attended the Ministerial Forum for Trade on the 14 July, with Greg Hands, Minister of State for Trade Policy and Ivan McKee, Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise. In this meeting, a general update was provided on on-going Free Trade Agreement (FTAs) negotiations, including the Comprehensive Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), EEA EFTA, Australia and New Zealand.

I raised concerns about the size of the Tariff Rate Quotas (TRQs) agreed in the Australia FTA and issues on animal welfare standards. I have asked for further information on the trade agreement to be shared when it is available and for these concerns to be taken into account as future deals are negotiated

Future trading arrangements with India, Canada and Mexico were also raised, and I have since provided a written response to Greg Hands outlining our initial views on each of these potential trade deals.

I will write to you again to inform you of the date of the next meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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