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Dear Llywydd,

The Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement on Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill ('the Bill') was introduced into the UK Parliament, the House of Lords, on 8 November 2023.

The Bill covers the implementation of the CPTPP Free Trade Agreement. The Bill includes a diverse range of policy areas, and potential implications on Wales' policymaking must therefore be fully considered. Our initial analysis is that the Bill makes relevant provision for the purposes of Standing Order 29 and will therefore require a Legislative Consent Memorandum to be laid. We are working through the detail required. However, consideration of how certain provisions in the legislation could potentially influence Wales' future policymaking activities in certain areas means that our analysis is proving more complicated than originally anticipated. Whilst the Legislative Consent Memorandum will be laid as soon as possible, this will be outside the normal two-week Standing Order 29 deadline. It is hoped the Legislative Consent Memorandum will be laid in time for it to be considered by the Business Committee during December.

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Finance and Local Government, Rebecca Evans MS, Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution, Mick Antoniw MS, Minister for Rural Affairs, North Wales and Trefnydd, Lesley Griffiths MS, the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Huw Irranca-Davies MS, and the Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee, Paul Davies, MS.

Yours sincerely,



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