

Vaughan Gething MS  
Minister for Economy

9 February 2024

**Legislative Consent: Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill.**

Dear Vaughan,

At its meeting on 31 January, the Committee considered the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill. At its meeting on 31 January, the Committee considered the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, its associated Bill<sup>1</sup> and Legislative Consent Memorandum. It was agreed I would write to ask you to provide an update on the progress of preparations for the UK's CPTPP accession, and any developments with issues that were raised as concerns in the Welsh Government Perspective document published on 26 October 2023.

In its report on the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2024-25, the Committee also noted that Chapter 21 of the Perspective document refers to plans to visit Australia in March, and "with potential plans for market visits to other CPTPP member countries in future". Recommendation 31 of our budget report requests more information on planned costs relating to the implementation of post-Brexit international trade agreements. I would therefore also be grateful if your response to this letter, also includes an update on any planned Welsh Government visits to CPTPP countries.

As you are aware, the reporting deadline for the LCM for the Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill is 15 March. Therefore a response by early March would be helpful for the committee to take account of any trade policy matters relevant to that report.

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<sup>1</sup> The Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a long, sweeping underline.

**Paul Davies MS**

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

