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Dear Paul

Thank you to the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee for considering the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), its associated Bill and the Legislative Consent Memorandum.

In responding to your letter, implementation is being taken forward through both the day-to-day work of the trade policy team and broader integration into our wider business facing activities. It is not possible to currently separate costs to implement FTAs from business-as-usual activities. Should the trade policy team undertake any specific activity that incurs significant costs, in order to implement a trade deal, we will write to inform the committee of the costs of this activity.

The Welsh Government considers the opportunities arising from post Brexit international trade agreements amongst a range of factors when designing its annual programme of Trade Missions. We will inform the committee of any costs arising in the delivery of planned Trade Missions to markets where post Brexit trade deals are a primary consideration. The current forward look of Welsh Government trade missions can be found [here](#).

In relation to the concerns raised within the Welsh Government perspective report on CPTPP, officials are continuing to work with the UK Government. This includes our priorities for the upcoming CPTPP review exercise, and we will inform the committee of key developments as they arise.

Yours sincerely,

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