

Rebecca Evans MS

Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

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Dear Rebecca,

### **Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the UK and India**

The Committee noted with interest the signing of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the UK and India (the Agreement) in July 2025.

We welcome the evidence you provided to the Committee during our evidence session on 17 July in regards to the Agreement and Wales' trading relationship with India, including your commitment to publish a perspectives document.

I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with a copy of the document. If it is not yet available, the Committee would welcome a progress update on its development and expected publication date.

In light of rapidly evolving global trade developments, it would also assist the Committee if you could provide your early findings on the below aspects of the Agreement which may fall outside of the perspectives document.

- The UK Government has cited that the Agreement could be worth £80m to the Welsh economy, as well as providing Welsh consumers access to lower priced products. What has the Welsh Government's assessment found to be the key impacts and do they align with the UK Government's findings?
- Will the assessment detail the compatibility of the Agreement with the Welsh Government's ambitions, as set out in its 2024 approach to trade policy paper?



- What are the Agreement's implications for the Welsh steel industry?

I would be grateful to receive your response by 21 November.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

