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Nick Ramsay AM  
Chair  
Public Accounts Committee

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Dear Chair

**Public Procurement**

Thank you for your letter of 14 January on the subject of the potential impact that any future tariffs, arising from Brexit, may have for procurement.

EU transition has created a complex picture in terms of potential tariffs and implications for procurement. We have worked with the UK Government to understand the implications wherever possible.

The Department for International Trade (DIT) has ultimate responsibility for determining tariffs, including the temporary tariff schedule which was published in October last year. The temporary tariff regime liberalised a large percentage of tariffs for imports into the UK. At the same time we have been engaging closely with DIT on progress made against securing trade continuity agreements, with countries who currently have a deal with the EU.

Welsh Government officials have been working with their counterparts across England, Scotland and Northern Ireland regarding understanding and managing the impact of any new import tariffs. Tariffs will continue to be monitored in the event there are future changes. I would be happy to update your Committee in correspondence when and where there are material developments on this front.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Slade'.

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