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Dear Anne-Marie,

Thank you for the time you gave the International Trade Committee last week, coming before us to give evidence on the UK's free trade agreement (FTAs) with Australia and New Zealand.

I wanted to confirm the questions you took away to provide further detail on.

1. Are consumer groups involved in the advisory groups that will monitor the progress of the environment chapter of the UK-New Zealand FTA? If so, which groups?¹
2. Is Article 22.8.2 of the Environment Chapter for the UK-New Zealand FTA at odds with the Government's new energy levy? Has DIT done any assessment of the impact of the Energy Levy on this or future FTAs?²
3. What will be the GDP growth from each new trade deal currently planned?³
4. The UK and Australia do not give identical commitments on the mobility of business persons in the FTA.⁴ Why is that — and does it mean that these provisions don't give the same economic benefits to both sides?⁵

As you will appreciate, we are working at pace to prepare our report on the FTA with New Zealand, so I would be grateful for a response before the House rises for recess, at the latest. However, if our requested debate is granted on the Australia FTA, I would appreciate responses before that.

You also offered a meeting between us and relevant staff, to discuss the issues we have faced through our scrutiny of the Australia FTA in particular.⁶ To facilitate this, I'd be grateful if you or your officials could provide this week a list of possible dates and times for possible meetings in person and via Teams, on either side of recess.

In accordance with our usual practice, this letter, along with any replies, will be published on the Committee's webpage.

Kind regards,

Angus Brendan MacNeil
Chair of the International Trade Committee

¹ Oral evidence taken on 6 July 2022, HC 78, [Qq184, 186](#)

² Oral evidence taken on 6 July 2022, HC 78, [Qq193-200](#)

³ Oral evidence taken on 6 July 2022, HC 117, [Qq259-268](#)

⁴ See FTA [Annex IV Schedules of Specific Commitments on Temporary Entry for Business Persons: Schedule of Australia](#) and [Annex IV Schedules of Specific Commitments on Temporary Entry for Business Persons: Schedule of the United Kingdom](#)

⁵ Oral evidence taken on 6 July 2022, HC 117, [Qq306-309](#)

⁶ Oral evidence taken on 6 July 2022, HC 78, [Q150](#)