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Dear Dianne,

I am writing to update you and your committee on the fourth round of the UK-India Free Trade Agreement. You will also note the Written Ministerial Statement that I laid in the House today and the Joint Outcome Statement issued by the UK and Indian Chief Negotiators which can be found here [here](#).

A delegation of 50 Indian officials undertook technical talks in London from 13 – 24 June. The negotiations, at official level, were conducted in a hybrid fashion, with some negotiators in a dedicated UK facility in London, and others attending virtually.

We continue to work toward the progress as directed by our respective Prime Ministers on 22 April 2022, where they announced the UK and India aim to conclude majority of talks by end of October.

My Department welcomes your interest in the Government's FTA programme, and I remain committed to the transparency and scrutiny of new trade deals, while ensuring Committees and all Parliamentarians are appropriately informed.

I will continue to update your committee as the official level negotiations progress. I would like to reiterate the commitment made by my Department to make the Chief Negotiator and relevant Senior Civil Service experts available to brief the committee in private as negotiations progress.

I would be happy to talk to your committee if you feel this would be useful.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grimstone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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