



International Trade Committee

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By email

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Dear Mr Abbott,

I am writing to invite you to give oral evidence to the International Trade Committee of the House of Commons on Wednesday, 30 September 2020.

As a recently appointed adviser to the Board of Trade, my Committee are particularly interested to hear your views on what the Board of Trade can contribute to the advancement of the UK's trade global trade objectives. The Committee would also appreciate an opportunity to discuss your role in the ongoing trade negotiations, including the UK-Australia talks with which you will have a particular interest.

The meeting will be a public evidence session, held virtually via Zoom, and will be streamed live on the Parliament TV website.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this invitation. To enable the Committee secretariat sufficient time to prepare the evidence session, I would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance by Wednesday, 23 September.

I copy this letter to The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP, Secretary of State for International Trade and President of the Board of Trade. I plan to publish a copy of this letter, and your response, on the Committee's website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angus B MacNeil".

Angus Brendan MacNeil
Chair of the International Trade Committee